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BOMBAY.

Birth.

GILLIES—December 22nd, at Colaba, the wife of Samuel Gilles, Esq., of a son.

BENGAL.

Birth.

TAYLER—At Monghyr, Tirhoot, on the 12th December, the wife of W. O. G. Tayler, Esq., C. S., of a daughter.

MADRAS.

Birth.

TALLENT—At Madras, on the 8th December, the wife of Mr. J. Tallent, of a daughter.

SHIPPING.

STEAM COMMUNICATION TO POINT DE GALLE PENANG, SINGAPORE, AND HONGKONG.

THE Peninsular and Oriental Steam Navigation Company's Steamship ORISSA, 1,646 Tons, and 300 H.P., Captain HECTOR, will be despatched for the above Ports on THURSDAY, the 29th December at 9 A. M., from Mazagon, taking also Cargo and Passengers for Madras and Calcutta.

Last Shipping day, Monday the 26th inst. No brokerage will be allowed on any chest of Opium not in the ship on the 26th instant.

THOMAS BLACK, Superintendent.

P. and O. S. N. Co.'s Office, Bombay, 22nd Dec., 1864.

N.B.—It is necessary that Bills of Lading and Receipts should be in Office by noon of 27th instant.

Shippers of Cargo on the Company's Black Bills of Lading are particularly requested to note the terms and conditions of those Bills of Lading, with reference to the transhipment and forwarding of Cargo, with a view to the adequateness of their Insurances Policies in respect of the same.

STEAM COMMUNICATION WITH KURRACHEE.

THE British India Steam Navigation Company (Limited), under contract with Government, despatch a steamer from Bombay to P. and O. Company's Mail steamers from Suez.

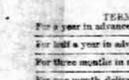
DATES OF DEPARTURE.

From Bombay usually about.....11th and 25th
" Kurrachee on.....10th and 25th

The Steam Ship GOVERNOR HIGGINSON, 750 Tons, 180 H.P., BARNES, Commander, will be despatched as above 12 hours after arrival of the next Overland Mail.

W. NICOL & Co., Agents.

STEAM COMMUNICATION WITH THE PERSIAN GULF VIA KURRACHEE.



THE British India Steam Navigation Company (Limited), under mail contract with Government, despatch a steamer from Bombay to Persian Gulf every 25 days as follows, touching at Kurrachee, Gwadel, Muscat, Bunder Abbas, Bushire, and Bussorah.

Leaves Bombay	Returns
25th Dec.	13th March.
19th Feb.	28th April.
25th March.	12th June.
10th May.	25th July.
25th June.	13th August.
19th August.	5th Sept.
5th Sept.	27th Oct.
27th Oct.	18th Nov.

The steamship PENANG, 500 Tons, 150 H.P., DUNCAN, Commander, will be despatched as above on 26th December.

W. NICOL & Co., Agents.

STEAM COMMUNICATION WITH THE MALABAR COAST, CEYLON, MADRAS, AND CALCUTTA.

THE British India Steam Navigation Company (Limited), under contract with Government, despatch steamers as above twice a Month with Mails, Passengers, and Cargo, on the following dates:—

Leave Bombay		Leave Calcutta	
Punjaub	1 & 15	Punjaub	1 & 15
Ceylon	2 16	Bombay	4 18
Mangalore	4 18	Ceylon	5 19
Calicut	5 19	Calicut	7 21
Cannanore	6 20	Mangalore	8 22
Cochin	7 20	Cannanore	9 23
Tellicherry	8 21	Cochin	10 24
Colombo	11 25	Tellicherry	11 25
Bombay	18 2	Colombo	17 1
Mangalore	19 30	Cochin	18 1
Calicut	20 1	Calicut	19 2
Cannanore	21 2	Cannanore	20 3
Tellicherry	22 3	Mangalore	21 4
Cochin	23 4	Bombay	23 6
Madras	28 9	Arrive Bombay	30 5
Negapatam	29 10		
Pamben	30 11		
Colombo	31 12		
Trincomalee	1 13		
Negapatam	2 14		
Madras	4 16		
Arrive Calcutta	7 19		

* Morning. † Evening.

The Company cannot guarantee that the Steamers will always leave the intermediate Ports on the above dates, but every effort will be made to ensure their doing so.

The Steam Ship CASHMERE, 1040 Tons, 250 H. P., J. MADDISON, Commander, will be despatched as above on noon, on the 31st instant, and Steam Ship "INDIA, 1040 Tons, 250 H. P., GEORGE GREIG, Commander on 16th January next.

N. B.—The above Steamers leave one day earlier in consequence of the 1st and 15th falling on a Sunday.

Both Steamers will call at Colombo.

W. NICOL & Co., Agents.

BOMBAY, COAST AND RIVER STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY LIMITED.

WEEKLY COMMUNICATION BETWEEN BOMBAY AND COCHIN.

WEEKLY COMMUNICATION BETWEEN COCHIN AND BOMBAY.

THE Bombay Coast and River Steam Navigation Company (Limited) will until further notice despatch Steamers ONCE A WEEK to and from the MALABAR COAST, calling at the intermediate Ports on the following days:—

Down Steamers.	A.M.	P.M.	Up Steamers.	A.M.	P.M.
Bombay	Dep. Saturday.		6 Cochin	Dep. Saturday.	6
Goa	" Sunday.		12 Bergoze	" Sunday.	8
Canara	" Monday.	11	Calicut	" Sunday.	6
Cranja	" Monday.		4 Tellicherry	" Monday.	9
Mangalore	" Tuesday.	12	Cannanore	" Monday.	5
Carwarre	" Wednesday.	8	Mangalore	" Tuesday.	12
Tellicherry	" Wednesday.	10	Cranja	" Wednesday.	7
Calicut	" Wednesday.	6	Canara	" Wednesday.	12
Bergoze	" Wednesday.	4	Goa	" Wednesday.	7
Cochin arr.	" Thursday.		Bombay	Arr. Thursday.	12

The Steamer "LORD CLYDE," will be despatched in accordance with the above table on Saturday the 24th instant.

WEEKLY COMMUNICATION BETWEEN BOMBAY, UNJUWELLE, RUTNAGHERRY, VINGORLA, AND GOA.

WEEKLY COMMUNICATION BETWEEN GOA, VINGORLA, RUTNAGHERRY, UNJUWELLE, AND BOMBAY.

THE Company will also despatch a Steamer to and from Goa ONCE A WEEK, calling at the intermediate Ports on the following days:—

Down Steamers.	A.M.	P.M.	Up Steamers.	A.M.	P.M.
Bombay	Dep. Wednesday.		6	Goa	Dep. Saturday.
Aseree	" Thursday.	7		Vingorla	" Saturday.
Unjuwell	" Thursday.	12		Sytapore	" Saturday.
Jaitapore	" Thursday.	2		Ratnagherry	" Saturday.
Vingorla	" Friday.	7		Aseree	" Sunday.
Sytapore	" Friday.	12		Unjuwell	" Sunday.
Ratnagherry	" Friday.	2		Bombay	Arr. Monday.
Goa	Arr. Friday.	7			

N.B.—Passengers to and from Malabar Coast can be taken up at Bancote by the Steamer.

CHRISTMAS EXCURSION.

The Steamer "MAHARAJ," leaving Bombay on Wednesday, the 28th December, at 6 P. M., will take Passengers to Mormugoa, the nearest point to the Falls of Gangoes, for Honore, the nearest point to Bombay will call at Honore on Wednesday morning, 4 day light the 4th January 1865.

WEEKLY COMMUNICATION BETWEEN BOMBAY, VERAVUL, POKEBUNDER, DWARKA, & MANDAVEE.

WEEKLY COMMUNICATION BETWEEN VERAVUL & BOMBAY, MANDAVEE, DWARKA, POKEBUNDER,

THE Company will despatch a Steamer TO AND FROM MANDAVEE, calling at the intermediate ports on the following days, each week, until further notice:—

Up Steamers.	A.M.	P.M.	Down Steamers.	A.M.	P.M.
Bombay	Dep. Tuesday.	11	Mandavee	Dep. Friday.	2
Veraval	" Wednesday.		Dwarka	" Saturday.	9
Mudgaul	" Wednesday.		Porebunder	" Sunday.	8
Porebunder	" Thursday.	9	Mungrool	" Sunday.	5
Dwarka	" Thursday.		Veraval	" Sunday.	
Mandavee	Arr. Friday.	10	Bombay	Arr. Monday.	12

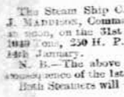
The Steamer "JOHNSTON CASTLE," will be despatched in accordance with the above table on Tuesday the 27th instant.

FULCHER, COOPER & Co., Managers.

No. 7, Rampart Row, 15th November 1864.

FOR LONDON.

(To sail our in January 1865.)



MESSRS. GREEN'S favorite Passenger Ship the WINDSOR CASTLE, Tons 1259, WILLIAM BROUGHTON PRICE, Commander. This fine Vessel has excellent accommodation for Passengers, and carries an experienced Surgeon. For particulars apply to

RITCHIE, STEWART & Co.

Bombay, 26th August 1864.

FOR LONDON.

With Dispatch.

THE Brig ELIZABETH ANNE, A 1, at LLOYDS, for 12 years. For Freight apply to W. NICOL & Co.

Bombay, 19th December 1864.

NOTICES.

NOTICE.—Consignees of Cargo, per Ship *Tanoorshaw*, arrived from Calcutta, are requested to send their Bills of Lading for countersignature to the undersigned, and despatch Boats at once to take delivery, failing which, the same will be landed without further notice at the risk and expense of the concerned.

Captain BOURNE will not be responsible for the condition of any Package after it has left the Ship's Deck.

P. AND D. F. CAMA & Co.,
Agents Ship *Tanoorshaw*.

Bombay, 5th December 1864.

NOTICE.—Consignees of Cargo per Ship *Dorothy*, Captain THOMPSON, from Liverpool, are requested to send off Boats for their respective Goods as they come to hand, failing which, the same will be landed at their risk and expense immediately.

All landing orders accompanied with Bill of Lading to be sent to us to be countersigned.

GEORGE S. KING & Co.,
Agents for Captain THOMPSON and owners of the *Dorothy*.

CONSIGNEES OF CARGO per *Merwanjee Framjee*, PIKE, Master, from Liverpool, are requested to send off Boats immediately for their goods, otherwise the same will be landed by the Captain at the expense and risk of the concerned.

Captain PIKE will not be responsible for the condition of any package after it once leaves the Ship's deck.

COMBER, SON & Co.,
Agents for the *Merwanjee Framjee*.

CONSIGNEES OF CARGO per *Harkaway*, Captain IRVIN, from London, are requested to send off Boats to take delivery of their Goods as they come to hand, otherwise they will be landed at the risk and expense of the concerned.

Captain IRVIN will not be responsible for the condition of any Package after it has left the Ship's deck.

NASMYTH & Co., Agents for Ship *Harkaway*.

Bombay, 29th December 1864.

NOTICE.—TO OWNERS AND COMMANDERS OF VESSELS AND OTHERS.—The Viegas Patent Ship and Foundry Company (Limited), at Mazagon, being now in full working operation, Orders will be received for every description of Ship-work, Caulking, Coppering, Making Boats, Masts and Yards, &c., Smith-work and Castings of every description, on moderate terms. For any further information, apply to Mr. R. DUGGAN, on the Premises, or to SORABJEE FROMMURZEE, Secretary, at No 23, Apollo Street.

THE following Passages are required:—

FROM BOMBAY TO THE CAPE OF GOOD HOPE.

For (3) three time-expired men of Her Majesty's Military Service.

FROM BOMBAY TO SINGAPORE.

For (11) eleven time-expired Convicts.

By order of the Superintendent of Marine,
GEO. INGLE, Secretary.

Superintendent's Office, Bombay, 15th Dec. 1864.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that an Extraordinary General Meeting of the Shareholders in the Elphinstone Land and Press Company (Limited) will be held at the office of the Company in Marine Street, Bombay, on THURSDAY the 29th day of December, instant, at 3 o'clock in the afternoon, when it will be proposed that the Capital of the Company be increased by the creation and issue of five thousand and four hundred new Shares of Rupees one hundred each, and at the said Meeting an offer for the purchase of the Company's property will be submitted to the Shareholders and a Special Resolution will be proposed to the following effect,—

"That the Directors of the Company be authorised to accept such offer with such modifications or alterations (if any) as may be thought necessary or proper, or any other offer, and to execute all such deeds, documents or agreements as may be necessary for carrying out any such agreement and effectuating the sale.

W. NICOL & Co., Secretaries and Treasurers.

Bombay, 21st Dec. 1864.

ITALIAN OPERA.
17th SUBSCRIPTION PERFORMANCE
AT THE GRANT ROAD THEATRE
OF THE ITALIAN OPERA COMPANY
WILL TAKE PLACE
THIS DAY, FRIDAY, THE 23RD DECEMBER.
OPERA "BARBIERE DI SEVIGLIA"
By ROSSINI.

Gallery .....

Performance commences at a quarter to 9 P. M. To be had at the Theatre or Messrs. Bryant & Co.

Smoking strictly prohibited.

The Opera "LUCREZIA BORGIA," by Donizetti, is in course of Rehearsal.

ITALIAN OPERA.

GRAND PERFORMANCE.

TO-MORROW, EVENING, DECEMBER 24rd
VERDI'S OPERA "IL TROVATORE"
will be performed for the last time this season
for the Benefit of
PROFESSOR EMILIO USIGLIO,
Director of the Orchestra,
Under the patronage of
HIS EXCELLENCY SIR BARTLE FRERE, K.C.B.
PROGRAMME.

After "GOD SAVE THE QUEEN" has been sung Signor EMILIO USIGLIO, with a full Orchestra, will execute

A NEW POLKA,
Dedicated to Sir JAMSETJEE JEJEEBHOY, Bart.

Between the 1st and 2nd Acts of the Opera Mr. ARTHUR HUSON, a pupil of Professor USIGLIO, has kindly consented to sing the popular English Ballad of

"GOOD BYE SWEETHEART, GOOD BYE."

Between the 3rd and 4th Act HERR KREMSER on the Violin, and MADAME KREMSER on the Harp, with SIGNOR LUNZZI on the Clarionet will perform a selection from the

"SICILIAN VESPERS."

PRICES OF ADMISSION.

Dress Circle ..... Rs. 10
Gallery ..... ,, 5
Pit ..... ,, 3

CHARTERED MERCANTILE BANK OF INDIA, LONDON AND CHINA.—Notice is hereby given, that a Final Call of Rs. (125) one hundred and twenty-five per Share of the New Issue, is payable by the Shareholders on the Bombay Register at the Office of the Bank here on 2nd proximo; after which date Interest at 10 per cent. will be charged on all Calls remaining unpaid.

By order of the Court of Directors,
W. JACKSON, Agent.

Bombay, 12th December 1864.

NOTICE.—The undersigned from this day will carry on business as Exchange, Freight, Shares and Produce Brokers, under the style and title of MERWANJEE FRAMJEE & Co.

MERWANJEE FRAMJEE.
PEROZSHAW NOWROJEE.

No. 2, Nesbit Lane, 15th December 1864.

ASIATIC FINANCIAL ASSOCIATION (LIMITED).—Notice is hereby given, that a Second Call of Rs. 50 per Share has this day been made, and that the same will be payable at the Office of this Association on the 5th day of January 1865, after which date Interest at the rate of 12 per cent. per annum will be charged on all Calls unpaid.

Discount at the rate of nine per cent. per annum will be allowed on Calls paid in advance.

By order of the Board of Directors,
HENRY COWLEY, Secretary.

Bombay, 14th December 1864.

CHLORODYNE.—CHOLERA DYSENTERY. DIARRHŒA, CRAMP AGUE, FEVER BRED. MATISM, &c.—All pain, vomiting, and distress ceases in a few minutes after taking a dose of that wonderful SEDATIVE ANODYNE and ANTISPASMODIC remedy CHLORODYNE.

Discovered by Dr. J. Collis Browne, M.R.C.S.L. (ex-Army Med. Staff) the recipe of which was confided solely to J. T. Davenport, 33, Great Russell-street, Bloomsbury-square, London (Pharmaceutical Chemist). The medical testimony of civil, hospital, military and naval practitioners pronounces it *Incomparable*. It relieves pain of any kind, soothes the restlessness of fever, and imparts the most refreshing sleep, without producing or leaving any of the unpleasant effects of opium.

As a proof of its efficacy a few extracts from numerous testimonials by Physicians and Surgeons are given:—

From W. WESALIUS PEPTGREW, M.D., Hon. F.R.C.S., England, formerly Lecturer upon Anatomy and Physiology at St. George's School of Medicine.—"I have used it in Consumption, Asthma, Diarrhœa, and other diseases, and am most perfectly satisfied with the results."

Dr. GIBBON, Army Medical Staff, Calcutta.—"Two doses completely cured me of Diarrhœa."

From C. V. RIDLY, Esq., Surgeon, Egham.—"As an Astringent in severe Diarrhœa, and an antispasmodic in Colic with Cramps in the Abdomen, the relief is instantaneous."

Extracts from the GENERAL BOARD OF HEALTH *London, as to its efficacy in Cholera.*

1st Stage, or Premonitory.—in this stage the remedy acts as a charm, one dose generally sufficient.

2nd Stage, or that of Vomitting and Purging.—In this stage the remedy possesses great power, more than any other we are acquainted with, two or three doses being sufficient.

3rd Stage, or Collapse.—in all cases restoring the pulse. So strongly are we convinced of the immense value of this remedy, that we cannot too forcibly urge the necessity of adopting it in all cases.

From Dr. MONTGOMEE, late Inspector of Hospitals, Bombay.—"Chlorodyne is a most valuable in neuralgia, nachma, and dysentery. To it I fairly owe my restoration to health, after eighteen month's severe suffering, and when all other medicine has failed."

CAUTION.—In consequence of the extraordinary efficacy of the remedy, several unprincipled parties have been induced to vend imitations. Never be tempted to buy Chlorodyne, except in sealed bottles, having the, Government stamp, with the words "Dr. J. Collis, Browne's Chlorodyne" engraved thereon. A sheet full of medical testimonials accompanies each bottle. Sole manufacturer J. T. DAVENPORT, 33, Great Russell-street, Bloomsbury, London. Sold in bottles 2s. 9d. and 4s 6d.

Agents for Calcutta—SCOTT THOMSON & Co.
Agents for Bombay—THEACHER & Co.
Agents for Madras.—C. M. BYRAMJEE.

NOTICES.

BOMBAY CONTRACT AND BUILDING COMPANY (LIMITED.)

CAPITAL SIX LACS OF RUPEES WITH POWER TO INCREASE.

THE Company is prepared to enter into Contracts for Buildings, extensive Earthworks, and Reclamations, or any other work connected with the profession of Engineers or Contractors either for Government, Public Companies, or individuals.

Plans, Specifications and Estimates drawn out if required.

By Order,
A. CUMMING, Secretary.

DUNCAN ROAD IRON WORKS.—J. RANKIN & Co., Engineers and Boiler-makers, Engine, Ship, and General Smiths, Cast Iron and Brass Founders.

NOTICE.—We have to intimate that our Firm is at this Port the corresponding Firm of Messrs. C. H. MAUNE & Co., London, and Messrs. MAUNE & Co., Liverpool. PASSMORE & Co.

3, Medow Street, 16th December 1864.

THORNHILL & Co., JEWELLERS, receive by each mail Steamer from their London House the most fashionable additions to their Stock of Jewellery. Articles in Indian Gold made to order.

Medow Street, Bombay. Established 1850.

THE time for paying the First Call of the INDIAN CREDIT AND FINANCE COMPANY (LIMITED) is further extended from the 20th instant to the 10th January 1865.

NATIONAL FINANCIAL OF INDIA.—Notice is hereby given, that all persons who have received allotment papers in the above named Financial and do not pay the first Call on the same by the 24th instant will be considered to have forfeited any shares they may hold.

D. J. LISBOA,
Chairman.

29th December 1864.

TO CAPTAINS OF VESSELS AND THE PUBLIC.—For Ship Biscuits, Flour, Bread, Grinding of Corn, &c. apply at the Steam Bakery, Grant Road, near the Theatre.

CHRISTMAS PRESENTS.—A small tasty selection of JEWELLRY, of newest design, most suitable for Christmas Presents, being of strictly price.

TREACHER & Co. (Limited.)

THE BOMBAY FINANCE CORPORATION (Limited) receive DEPOSITS for 3 months at 6 per cent per annum, 6 months at 9 per cent per annum, and for other and longer periods as may be arranged.

Bombay, 21st December 1864.

THE EAST INDIA GENERAL COMMISSION AGENCY AND BANKING CORPORATION (LIMITED).—*Capital* 37,50,000 *in* 15,000 *Shares of Rupees* 250 *each*, with power to increase. Applications for Shares will be received by Mr. MANECKCHUND CURSONJEE, Broker, for the Promoters, No. 1, Oak Lane, Fort.

BANK OF INDIA.—Notice is hereby given, that the Third Call of Rs. 50 per share, on the Second Issue of Shares, is payable at the Bank's Office, on or before THURSDAY, the 31st day of December, proximo.

By order of the Board of Directors,
JOHN GRAY, Manager.

Bombay, 17th November 1864.

THE BOMBAY CITY BANK (LIMITED).—FORFEITURE OF SHARES.—Notice is hereby given, that all Shares in the above Bank upon which the Second Call will be due on the 31st instant, and which remain unpaid at the Offices of the Bank, No. 2, Church Gate Street, on or before SATURDAY, the 5th November 1864, will be absolutely forfeited for the benefit of the Bank in conformity with Act XIX. of the Legislative Council of India, and with the Articles of Association of the Bank.

By order of the Board of Directors,
T. R. R. DAVISON, Manager.

Bombay, 21st October 1864.

THE BOMBAY CITY BANK (LIMITED).—THIRD CALL.—Notice is hereby given, that a Third Call of One Hundred Rupees (Rs. 100) per Share is payable at the Bank House, No. 2, Church Gate Street, on or before the 31st instant, after which date Interest will be charged on all unpaid Calls at the rate of 12 per cent. per annum.

By order of the Board of Directors,
DAVID MCCULLOCH, Manager.

Bombay, 1st December 1864.

THE BOMBAY PRESIDENCY BANK (LIMITED).—In terms of this Bank's advertisement dated 25th November 1864, notice is hereby given, that all Shares on which the Second and Third Calls, with Interest, shall not have been paid by the 14th day of January 1865, will be absolutely forfeited for the benefit of the Bank, in conformity with Act XIX. of the Legislative Council of India, and with the Articles of Association of the Bank.

By order of the Board of Directors,
W. C. CURRIE, Actg. Manager.

TO BUILDERS, CONTRACTORS AND ARCHITECTS.—Fancy Stones for Building purposes in blocks of various sizes. Also Bricks and Silicate Chunam. Samples of the above can be seen at the Bombay Contract and Building Company's Offices, 19, Rumanna Street, where all information can be obtained.

Bombay, 7th December 1864.

PUBLIC.—All those articles Bakery in a line, such as Pastry, (English Sweetmeat,) Bread, Buns, &c. &c., as formerly used to supply the late Legge's Bakery, may be had on demand at the Bakery of the undersigned, Khetwaddy, 1st Cross Lane, and Fort, Meadow Street, Shop No. 39, next to the Bombay Presidency Bank.

A. C. DE SOUZA & Co.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that an application is about to be made to the Government of Bombay, by the undersigned Directors of the Bombay Finance Corporation (Limited) and others, for the grant of reclaiming all that portion of the foreshore and land to the seaward thereof, along Breach Candy and Malabar Hill, extending from the Western headland of ground occupied by the Mahaluxmee Temple in the Eastern point of West direction to the Western point of Land forming the Compound of the House belonging to Cursetjee Cowasjee Bhandoopwalla, Esq., now in the tenure or occupation of William Cooper, Esq., and bounded on the Eastern face thereof by the Breach Candy Road; also for the right of reclaiming all that portion of the foreshore extending Northward from the Western headland of ground occupied by the Mahaluxmee Temple to the Southern point of land of Lower Parel Hill, occupied by the Temple of Mamahajanee, and bounded on the East by the Velard Causeway, in accordance with Plans to be hereafter deposited with the Collector of Bombay.

CAETANO GABRAEL DESOUZA.
BURJORJEE SORABJEE LYWALLA.
COWASJEE SORABJEE AHMEDABADWALLA.
RUTTONJEE BUNCHORDASS.
MUNJEE NURSEY.
JUMNADASS DOOLURDASS.
BYRAMJEE NUSSERWANJEE SIRVAI.

Bombay, 6th December 1864.

BOMBAY BARODA AND CENTRAL INDIA RAILWAY.

THE above named Railway will be opened throughout from Bombay to Ahmedabad for Passenger Traffic on and after MONDAY the 28th instant, and Trains will run as follow:—

DOWN TRAIN TO AHMEDABAD.

Miles.	Stations.	Time.
		A. M.
	Grant Road Dep	7 0
5	Mahim..... ,,	7 26
9	Bandora..... ,,	7 38
29	Bassein Road... ,,	8 52
54	Palghur ..... ,,	10 7
61	Byaur ..... ,,	10 53
74	Dhanoo Road ,,	11 49
		P. M.
90	Sunjan..... ,,	12 15
104	Damaun Road ,,	1 10
114	Pardee..... ,,	1 45
120	Balsar ..... ,,	2 10
125	Doongree..... ,,	2 31
133	Belecomora ... ,,	3 12
135	Umulsur ..... ,,	3 28
144	Nowsaree..... ,,	4 5
154	Sucheen ..... ,,	4 41
162	Surat .....Arr	5 10
		A. M.
	Surat .....Dep	7 0
165	Amrolee ..... ,,	7 13
172	Sion ..... ,,	7 24
179	Kosee ..... ,,	7 57
188	Panolee..... ,,	8 25
194	Unclesur ..... ,,	8 47
	Nerbudda	
	Ferry ..... ,,	9
199	Broach ..... ,,	10 12
207	Chumargaum.. ,,	11 11
216	Pallej ..... ,,	11 49
		P. M.
225	Meahgaum ... ,,	12 36
233	Etola ..... ,,	1 20
244	Baroda ..... ,,	2 2
266	Wassad ..... ,,	3 41
268	Nerad..... ,,	3 52
278	Nerad..... ,,	4 7
288	Mehmoodabad ,,	4 39
295	Barajroe..... ,,	5 0
296	Ahmedabad Arr	5 30

DOWN TRAIN TO BOMBAY.

Miles.	Stations.	Time.
		A. M.
	Ahmedabad Dep	7 0
28	Barajroe ..... ,,	7 35
38	Mehmoodabad ,,	8 0
52	Nerad ..... ,,	8 45
61	Amund..... ,,	9 24
67	Wassad ..... ,,	9 55
69	Barodá ..... ,,	10 35
79	Etola..... ,,	11 54
80	Meahgaum ... ,,	12 0
		P. M.
90	Pallej ..... ,,	12 27
98	Chumargaum.. ,,	12 59
106	Broach ..... ,,	1 28
	Nerbudda	
	Ferry ..... ,,	2 58
111	Unclesur ..... ,,	3 18
118	Panolee..... ,,	3 40
127	Keeu ..... ,,	4 8
134	Sion ..... ,,	4 31
140	Amrolee ..... ,,	4 52
0 42	Surat.....Arr	5 0
		A. M.
	Surat ..... Dep	7 20
7 13	Sucheen ..... ,,	7 54
7 54	Nowsaree..... ,,	8 35
8 25	Umulsur ..... ,,	9 7
8 47	Unclesur ..... ,,	9 28
	Nerbudda	
9 2	Belecomora..... ,,	9 58
9 50	Doongree..... ,,	10 20
10 11	Balsar ..... ,,	10 49
10 48	Pardee..... ,,	11 10
11 39	Damaun Road ,,	11 39
P. M.		P. M.
12 5	Sunjan..... ,,	12 30
12 36	Dhanoo Road.. ,,	1 2
1 20	Byaur ..... ,,	2 2
2 2	Palgaur..... ,,	2 28
2 32	Bassein Road.. ,,	3 43
3 43	Bandora..... ,,	5 12
4 0	Mahim..... ,,	5 30
4 30	Grant Road...Arr	5 30

N. B.—It will be observed that the Trains leaving Bombay and Ahmedabad will only run on that day as far as Surat. Passengers whose journey takes them beyond Surat will be able to proceed on the following morning as shown in the Time Table. Ordinary Tickets issued at stations on the side of Surat, for Stations beyond it will be available for use until the evening of the day following that of issue. There is a Refreshment room and a good Traveller's Bungalow at Surat.

NERBUDDA FERRY.

BOATS.—Passengers will be conveyed across the Nerbudda at the following rates:—

1st Class.....Six annas each (0 6 0)
2nd Class.....Three annas each (0 3 0)
3rd Class.....One anna each (0 1 0)

PALKEES OR SHIGRAMS.—These will be provided at each side of the Ferry for the use of passengers travelling with First and Second Class tickets at an extra charge of 2 Rupees per passenger.

NOTE.—Parties desirous of dividing themselves of the above means of conveyance will have to provide themselves at the Stations where they take their places with "Ferry Boats" and Palkee or Shigram Tickets" as no cash payments will be received at either side of the river.

Horses will be conveyed across the river at an additional charge of two Rupees per Horse.

Carriages.—Each four-wheeled vehicle will be conveyed at an additional charge of 3 Rupees, each two-wheeled vehicle at two Rupees, and each Palanquin at one Rupee.

Dogs will be conveyed at a charge of four annas each.

LUGGAGE.—Do. do. 4 annas per Maund.

PARCELS.—Under 5 Seers, Rs. 0 2 0; above 5 and under 14 Seers, Rs. 0 4 0; above 14 and under 27 Seers, Rs. 0 6 0; above 27 Seers and under a Maund, Rs. 0 8 0; for parcels above a Maund, Rs. 0 0 0 per Maund.

For further particulars and Regulations see Time Tables posted at all Stations.

By order,
J. B. HAYES, Traffic Manager.

Bombay, 26th November 1864.

INDIAN PENINSULA, LONDON, & CHINA BANK (LIMITED.)

ઇંડીઅન પેનીનશુલા લંડન એન ચાઇના બેંક
(લીમીટેડ.)

ઇંડીયાન પેનીનશુલા, લાંડન, ચાણ ચેદના
(લીમીટેડ.)

THIRD AND FINAL CALL.—Notice is hereby given, that Interest at the rate of fifteen per centper annum will be charged on all unpaid Calls. Interest will be reckoned from the due date of the Call, viz., 21st ultimo.

By order of the Board of Directors,
D. A. TRAILL CHRISTIE, Officiating Manager.

Bombay, 10th December 1864.

INDIAN PENINSULA LONDON AND CHINA BANK (LIMITED.)

ઇંડીઅન પેનીનશુલા લંડન એન ચાઇના બેંક
(લીમીટેડ.)

ઇંડીયાન પેનીનશુલા, લાંડન, ચાણ ચેદના
(લીમીટેડ.)

SECOND CALL.—Some few Shares of the above Bank still remaining, on which the Second Call, Rs. 100 per Share, due on the 15th August last, has not been paid. Notice is hereby given, in accordance with Clauses XXIX. and XXXI. of the Articles of Association, that all Shares on which such Call is not paid (along with interest at 12 per cent. per annum) on or before the 24th instant will then be forfeited for the benefit of the Bank.

By order of the Board of Directors,
D. A. TRAILL CHRISTIE, Officiating Manager.

Bombay, 10th December 1864.

NOTICE.—Tenders will be received at the Office of the Superintendent of Marine from persons willing to supply Ship Tonnage for the conveyance from Mangalore to Calcutta, of about thirty tons of Amandavie Coir, by the entrance merchant.

2nd.—The Tenders must specify the rate per ton of (4) four Candies or two thousand two hundred and forty (2240) Pounds, and the time when the Vessel will be at Mangalore to receive the Coir.

3rd.—The Coir will be placed on board in bundles which must be preserved entire, and be delivered at Calcutta in like good order according to weight.

4th.—The Master of the Vessel, or the authorized Agent for the Owner at Mangalore, will be required to see the Coir weighed and the bundles counted, and to sign the Bills of lading, or such other document connected with the lading of the article as the principal Collector of Mangalore may require from him.

5th.—The freight will be paid in Calcutta on the completion of the delivery of the Coir in conformity with the terms of the Bill of Lading.

6th.—The Superintendent of Marine reserves to himself the right of rejecting any Tender without assigning cause for so doing.

By order,
GEO. INGLE,
Secretary to the Superintendent of Marine
Superintendent's Office, Bombay, 9th August.

TENDERS will be received by the Superintendent of Marine for the conveyance thence to London of a quantity of Stores belonging to the Persian Gulf Telegraph Department, which will be shipped by the Marine Storekeeper, consisting of 41 packages amounting to 10 tons 1 cwt. 1 qr. and 14 lbs. by weight, or 9 tons 8 cubic feet, 1583 inches by measurement.

2. The Stores above referred to will have to be delivered on a Craft, provided for that purpose by the Director General of Stores for India from alongside the ship on arrival at the River Thames.

3. Tenders should specify the rate per ton by measurement or weight at which the articles will be taken.

4. The date on which the vessel will be ready to commence loading and when she will leave Bombay should also be specified.

Further information if required can be obtained, and the articles viewed on application to the Marine Storekeeper.

By order of the Superintendent of Marine,
GEORGE INGLE, Secretary.

Superintendent's Office, Bombay, 8th November 1864.

NOTICES.

THE FINANCIAL ASSOCIATION OF INDIA AND CHINA (LIMITED.)—*Subscribed Capital Rs.* 2,40,00,000—(*Two Crores and forty Lacs.*)

Board of Directors.

Andrew Grant, Esq.,—*Chairman.*
John L. Scott, Esq. Cowasjee Jehangier, Esq.
Samuel L. Acland, Esq. E. D. Sassoon, Esq.
J. A. Forbes, Esq.

Manager.—A. Macintosh, Esq.
Bankers.—The Bank of Bombay.

Deposits received for fixed periods; the present rates are:—

For 4 months..... 7 per cent annum.
For 6 ,, ... 9 ,, ,,

For other and longer periods as may be arranged.

All communications to be addressed to the Secretary.

By order,
JOHN SMITH, Secretary.

WANTED, in a European Merchant's Office, a CUSTOM HOUSE CLERK. He must already have filled the same situation, as no others will be attended to. Address "B. R.," *Gazette* Office.

WANTED a competent ENGINEER for the Steamer *Bombay*. None need apply to the advertiser without good testimonials.

G. RANKIN, Engineer.

Duncan Road Iron Works, 28th November 1864.

WANTED, a Single Pole TENT, must be in good order. Apply "X. W.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

WE have this day removed to the buildings formerly known as the British Hotel, Apollo Street.
December 1864. PAY, LANG & Co.

WANTED.—A Plan-maker to survey and prepare a plan of the Flats and Hills of the whole Village of Nanabay, situate in the immediate neighbourhood of Dongrie and Mahool, and extending to Trombay. Apply to H. HASSIM MAHRY, at Bapoo Khoto Street, or Secretariate.

NOTICE.—The ship WINDSOR CASTLE, W. Beauchamp Pierce, Commander, being under engagement with H. M.'s Government to sail on the 16th prontimo, has still two Cabins under the Poop disengaged. For particulars apply to
RITCHIE, STEUART & Co.
Bombay, 21st December 1864.

NOTICE.—The Half-yearly General Meeting of the Members of the Byculla Club will be held at the Club House on MONDAY the 23rd January next, at 5 P. M.
WILLIAM MERRIMAN, Lieut. R.E.,
Honorary Secretary.
Byculla Club, 22nd December 1864.

NOTICE.—The Mint will be closed from SATURDAY the 24th instant, to MONDAY the 2nd proximo, both days inclusive.
J. A. BALLARD, Lieut. Colonel, Mint Master.

BANK OF BOMBAY.—Notice is hereby given, that the Bank will be closed on THURSDAY, FRIDAY, SATURDAY, and MONDAY, the 29th, 30th, 31st instant, and 2nd proximo, both days inclusive, on account of the CHRISTMAS and NEW YEAR'S HOLIDAYS.
By order of the Board of Directors,
JAMES BLAIR, Secretary and Treasurer.
Bank of Bombay, 22nd December 1864.

NOTICE.—The Alliance Financial Corporation will be closed on THURSDAY, FRIDAY, and SATURDAY, the 29th, 30th, and 31st instant, and MONDAY, the 2nd January, on account of the CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS.
WILLIAM WILSON, Secretary.
Bombay, 22nd December 1864.

THE GRAND FINANCE COMPANY (LIMITED).—Notice is hereby given, that the time for paying the deposit and signing the Articles of Association of the above Company has been extended to the 10th proximo.
PESTONJEE DADABHOY, Manager.
Bombay, 22nd December 1864.

LATEST DATES RECEIVED.

ADEN	Dec. 8	KURRACHEE	Dec. 16
AGRA	Dec. 13	LAHORE	Dec. 14
ALLAHABAD	Dec. 17	LONDON	Nov. 18
AUSTRALIA	Oct. 26	MAURITIUS	Nov. 30
ALEXANDRIA	Nov. 7	MADRAS	Dec. 17
BANGALORE	Dec. 17	MALTA	Nov. 23
CALCUTTA	Dec. 15	MARSEILLES	Dec. 16
CAPE	Sept. 30	OOTACAMUND	Dec. 17
CEYLON	Dec. 17	PUNJAUB	Dec. 14
COCHIN	Dec. 8	PENANG	Dec. 10
DELHI	Dec. 12	RANGOON	Aug. 10
FRANCE	Nov. 15	SUEZ	Dec. 13
HONGKONG	Dec. 1	SINGAPORE	Dec. 3

The Bombay Gazette.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 23, 1864.

THE great Calcutta demonstration against Mr. Maine's Bill for the Abolition of the Grand Jury seems to have been as miserable a failure as the utter hollowness and unreasonableness of the whole agitation made us hope it would be. A fortnight ago we gave the Calcutta radicals a gentle hint that they were making great fools of themselves in mistaking Mr. Maine, who is really their best friend, for their most dangerous enemy, and raising the familiar cry, "The Constitution is in danger," because an institution which experience has proved to be valueless is to be suffered no longer to cumber the ground. Our kindly advice seems to have excited a perfect fever of resentment in the breasts of agitators who no doubt felt how much truth and force there was in our criticisms; and the whole press, including the *Englishman* (which itself appears occasionally to be doubtful of the wisdom of the opposition to Mr. Maine's Bill), is virtually indignant with us for our plainness of speech. The phrase, "rampant radicals," used by us, seems to have given extraordinary offence. We are very sorry to have hurt the sensitive feelings of the independent Britons of Calcutta; but, in all honesty and good faith, what other epithet than "rampant" is applicable to agitators whose chief prophet is Mr. J. W. B. Money, a literary barrister, who, in a letter to the newspapers, compares the independent Englishman in India, in a pathetically elaborated illustration, to a victim of vivisection, and exhorts him to be "up and doing" lest he share the fate of the "eviscerated cat?" One of the newspapers on the other side described Mr. Money's letter as a noble protest against the insidious efforts of the legal nominees of the Viceroy Council to outrage his fellow-countrymen in India of a Briton's dearest and most cherished birthright; in our judgment such writing is mere rabid nonsense. The truth of the matter is, that the press and the whole rank and file of the agitators have been led by the nose by half-a-dozen lawyers—the lawyers being the only class of the community who are still able to persuade themselves that there is any virtue in an Indian Grand Jury. In spite, however, of the unanimity of the press and the lawyers the Calcutta public seems, after having had time for reflection, to have let its enthusiasm for the "grand old institution" grow very cool. The *Indian Daily News*, which has led the opposition to Mr. Maine's Bill, makes this remarkable admission as to the character of the meeting:—"We "cannot say that we recognized in the assem"bly any of those familiar faces that once lent "such an importance to these Town Hall "meetings. In fact, we could not help remark"ing that the leading spirits of Calcutta, if "there be such, were conspicuous by their ab"sence." The justice of this description is confirmed by the significant fact that the *Friend of India* does not condescend even to notice the meeting. The speaking consisted chiefly of compliments to Mr. Maine (of whom the agitators evidently stand in great awe) and fervent allusions to the greatness of England and the independence of Englishmen—the "sacred birthright" being in frequent requisition, and the stock quotation, "the sun never sets on her "mighty," being given with the usual happy effect. The climax of eloquence was reached by Mr. Scott Moncrieff, in the peroration of his speech, which we give in full:—

"And shall we, the Romans of the nineteenth century, now, for the first time, abandon the maxim which we acknowledge to have been the secret of the greatness of our mighty fore-runners in the path of civilization, and so far from endeavouring to raise to our level the races whom Providence has committed to our rule be content rather to sink our privileges one by one when we find it difficult to maintain them in their integrity, thereby, accepting a lower position in the eyes of those around us, rather than seek to lead them up to a higher? No, I demand in the name of our race, of civilization, and of liberty, that in the path which Providence has opened up to us as a nation in India, to civilize and enlighten its races. Our motto shall be *vestigia nulla retrorsum*, and we follow this noble destiny as steadily, so perseveringly, so justly, that the day may yet come, though we who are here are little likely to see it, when from Cachar to Karrachee, from the Kyber pass to Comorin every man shall say, no matter what his race or caste, or colour "though I was not born an Englishman, I thank the God who made us all that he has given me an Englishman's birthright." (Great and prolonged applause.)

If it be remembered that this eloquent passage was spoken before a public meeting of independent Englishmen in that town of Calcutta in which the independent English community has always made an almost ferocious resistance to Acts designed to place the native on a footing of legal and political equality with the Englishman in India, the scrio-comic character of the opposition to Mr. Maine's Bill will be fully appreciated.

THE Exhibition scheme has on all sides attracted the most friendly attention in Bombay, and the Promoters have every reason to be gratified at the reception their bantling has met with. There is, however, one suggestion in the very friendly article upon the subject which appeared yesterday in the *Times of India*, which, as it may mislead many people, requires some notice. Our contemporary objects to the carrying out of the undertaking by means of a Joint Stock Company. Now as we have reason to know that this objection has been taken too in other highly respectable quarters, and as it certainly has upon the face of it considerable show of reason, it will be better to reply to it at once; and the answer to it is simply this, that any other way of managing the matter is simply impracticable. Every one will admit that, if this thing is to be done at all, it must be done by private enterprise. Government cannot, could not, and will not do it. It must necessarily be done, too, by a large body of men. How then can these men legally work without some kind of incorporation? It is clearly impossible; and whether that incorporation is due to a Royal Charter, a special Act of the Legislature, or the Joint Stock Companies' Act of 1857, is surely a matter of indifference except so far as time is concerned. Now a Royal Charter or a special Act of the Legislature which requires Imperial sanction to give it force could not possibly be obtained without many months of delay where delay would be fatal. The Joint Stock Companies' Act on the contrary provides a simple and effective machinery, which can be set in motion without an instant's procrastination. Moreover, the system of guarantees recommended by the *Times* could not be applied here. In England, where money was easily obtainable at low rates, where the Government was directly concerned in the undertaking, and money could be drawn at once from the Bank of England, the plan worked. But here, where Government is not concerned, every individual who sat upon the Committee (unless incorporated as a Company) and gave orders for the Building and Goods would thereby assume a sole and entire responsibility for the whole expense which he or his fellow Committee-men incurred, and to recoup himself he would have to look to guarantors owho possibly, finding the thing a losing game, would refuse to pay, or who might be dead, out of the jurisdiction, or ruined. No man of prudence could be asked to or would place himself in such a position. By the Act the responsibility is fairly distributed over a large number of people; who, if the thing is profitable, will doubtless be inclined to deal liberally with Government and the public with regard to a portion of these profits. It is, however, obvious, upon a little reflection, that Government cannot now stipulate with the *Promoters* as to any mode for the application of their profits. Any question of that kind must in all fairness be referred to the general body of shareholders, who could not be reasonably excluded from having a voice in the matter. Every arrangement for the conduct of affairs in all branches of the scheme will, we are assured, be carried out in the most liberal spirit possible; and the shares will, we make no doubt, be distributed very widely. If any other means had been at their command the Promoters would gladly have availed themselves of them, to avoid any suspicion of Joint Stock "jobbery," and to increase the moral effect of their Exhibition. But they were not. The guarantee itself might no doubt have been eventually obtained; but it must be recollected that, as few of the natives had or have any idea of what an Exhibition is, much difficulty and delay would certainly have been experienced in collecting names. People in England, before they incurred such liability, knew very well what enormous profits were realized by their former Exhibition; but here the matter is upon its trial, and natives, even the best of them, are not (very like the world in general by the way) particularly fond of experiments by which much money may be lost. If there be a loss now, it will fall upon many shoulders; and, if there be a gain—why what is to be done with it is a matter for future generations to consider.

One other objection to the scheme as it stands has been brought to our notice which has been urged against any Governmental concession to this Company, to wit, that it will injure the trade of commission agents and shop-keepers. Surely short-sightedness narrower than this could not be found. It is these very persons who will most profit by the trade brought here; by the goods brought to their doors; by the markets opened up to them throughout the world; by the new wants created by the sight of new kinds of goods; and, above all, by the immense number of people who will congregate in Bombay, gathered together, we have no doubt, from all parts of the East.

We hope in a few days to give a full and detailed account of the intentions of the Promoters of this most excellent and praiseworthy undertaking.

We point to the new Medical Warrant as extracted from the *Friend of India*, and congratulate the Indian Medical Service on the prospect of better days in store for them. Our Medical readers know how strenuously we advocated their cause in our issues of July 23rd, August 2nd, 27th September 4th, and 13th, and we have reason to believe that this advocacy was not without its due weight in influential quarters at home.

THE *Times of India*, under its present management, almost invariably displays a very hearty and possibly judicious contempt for the interests of the public at large: but, wherever there is a job to be defended or a monopoly to be preserved, whenever the privileges of a "great mercantile firm" are imperilled and the sources whence "leading developers" derive their profits are likely to be cut off, our contemporary scents the danger with the instinctive keenness and fits to the rescue with the blind fury of a faithful hound. The latest instance of this touching fidelity is the quite uncalled for and unjust attack upon ourselves, in yesterday's issue of the *Times of India*. Our readers are aware that on Wednesday we published a simple and innocent paragraph concerning the appointment of a Government Commission to "investigate the whole subject of wharfage accommodation and wharfage dues in Bombay." Nothing could be plainer or less pretentious than the language of this ordinary-news-paragraph; nor was there a word in it that could possibly give the slightest offence to any human being who was not determined, with or without reason, to pick a quarrel with us. Yet it is this paragraph which the *Times of India* selects as the subject of the following ingracious and most offensive remarks:—"The *Gazette*" "with that imaginative recklessness which is a "feature in its sensational paragraphs, ignores "the very important fact that the alleged posi"tive right of the Government" (to fix and regulate the wharfage fees) "is questioned by "the parties interested." In this, as in most other instances of squabbling between the two papers, the *Times of India* is the real aggressor; and, as our contemporary is in the habit of complaining that, when personalities are bandied about, he generally gets the worst of it, we think he would act more wisely to let us alone instead of throwing dirt at us, and then, like a whipt schoolboy, imploring the protection of the public when he has been well thrashed for his impudence. Personal and impersonal journalism are alike to us; if our contemporary prefer the latter, his obvious duty is to set an example of impersonality by moderating, in the first place, the rancour of his own tongue.

But, to pass from this point, let us ask what is the great offence of which we have been guilty? It seems, then, we omitted to state that both Messrs. Nicol & Co., as representatives of the Elphinstone Land Company, and Messrs. Ritchie, Steuart & Co., as representatives of the Victoria Land and Press Company, have "formally protested against the resumption "that Government has reserved a right "to fix and regulate the wharfage fees." What the Government has really done is this, it has the power of withholding its "sanction to the proprietors' scale of fees—a "very different matter." The natural acuteness of the "leading merchants" and of our contemporary must be very great, if they can detect in what this difference consists. To us it seems that there could not be a clearer case of "a dis"tinction without a difference." And this also is the view taken of the case by the Government, who, in their Resolution dated 9th December, say: "With reference to the protest made by "the Secretaries and Treasurers of the Victoria "Land and Press Company and the Elphinstone "Land and Press Company, those gentle"men should be informed that, as it rests "with Government to grant or withhold their "sanction to the scales of fees to be levied by "those Companies, there does not seem to be any "inaccuracy in paragraph 1 of Government Re"solution No. 3846 of the 5th October 1864, "but that their protest will be duly communi"cated to the Committee, who will be requested "to adhere strictly to the exact terms of the "agreements with the Companies." There can be no doubt that the reservation gives the Government the right of fixing and regulating wharfage fees, for the Government has only to withhold its sanction to any scales of fees adopted by any one of the Land Companies to prevent the Company from levying any fees whatever on goods that may be landed at their wharves. The public has good reason to congratulate itself on the results of the forethought of Government in this matter. Already one great Company, with a capital of £5,000,000, has been formed to purchase the right of property in all the reclaimed foreshore from Modee Bay to Mazagon, and another great Company, with a capital of £4,000,000, to buy up the whole harbour foreshore of Colaba. The lesser reclamations, begun or to be begun, will probably be annexed sooner or later by one or other of these Companies; and, if finally an amalgamation of the two Companies be effected, all the available wharfage of the port would (but for the judicious reservation of Government) be monopolized by a Joint-Stock Company which might charge the most exorbitant dues on the landing and storing of merchandize; and the real merchants, as distinguished from the mercantile speculators in land of Bombay, would be left wholly without the possibility of escape from these exactions. It is most fortunate, we repeat, that the port and trade of Bombay have been saved from the evil consequences of such a monopoly; and we hope that the Commission appointed by Government will endeavour to secure to the public some of the benefits of the public-spirited reclamations that have been made by fixing the lowest possible scale of fees for the various wharves.

THE *Friend of India*:—"Colonel R. Taylor, now on his way from England, will succeed Sir Herbert Edwardes as Commissioner of Umballa. Sir H. Edwardes will shortly leave India for home."

THE same:—"The Viceroy, accompanied by Lady Lawrence and daughters, and attended by three members of his staff, was present at the annual meeting of the Sunday School Union at the Town Hall on Tuesday evening last. About six hundred children were present, and the Hall was crowded with visitors. The Rev. Mr. Hardman presided, and the speakers were the Rev. Mr. Storrow, Mr. R. Scott Moncrieff, Rev. Mr. Sale, and Dr. Farquhar. The Governor General has given the committee the use of the park at Barrackpore for a fete, to be held there the day after Christmas day, to which the parents and teachers are all invited."

THE *Indian Daily News*:—"We are informed that His Honor the Lieutenant Governor will leave for England by the next Steamer, if sufficiently recovered."

THE same:—"From a telegram received in Calcutta, on Wenesday evening, we learn that Captain Robert Walter has been removed by the owners from the command of the *Robert Lees*, and that Captain Douglas of the *Bojard* has been appointed to the ship in his stead."

THE *Englishman*:—"We have letters from the North-Eastern Frontier, from which we learn that the death of Setia Raja has caused much trouble in Bhootan. The Dhurmraj is obliged to pay a large fine to the Thibetan authorities in consequence of this occurrence, and this is found very inconvenient whilst engaged in a serious war with the formidable foe they have brought upon themselves. Tongso is at Paro doing all he can to organise a powerful resistance. The intended plan is said to be not to face the British but to harrass them at night and throw stones upon the heads of the advancing columns and employ poisoned arrows."

THE same:—"A Correspondent from the North East Frontier sends us the following:

"Dalimkote and Buxa Dooars have fallen, and have been annexed with the British Territories. Strong guards have been posted there, because it is rumoured that Tongso Penlow intends to make night attacks on the guards. Now nine Doors, viz., Kamrickota, Bamuncherree, Luchie, Bhulka, Bara, Gooma, Reepoo, Seerung or Siddlee, and Bhag, or Chota Bygnee are still in the possession of the Bhooteahs. The whole length of the Bengal Dooars is about 180 miles, which it is expected will be annexed in the beginning of February next, when it is said two Deputy Comissioners are to be appointed under the Agent to Governor General for the North Eastern Frontier, and their head quarters will be at Buxa Dooar. The health of the troops is excellent, and the Commissariat arrangements perfect."

THE same:—"The attention of the Secretary of State has been attracted to the Reports from Rajpootana and other Native States that people are punished for killing cattle and that their noses and ears are cut off. It has also been noticed that the superstition with regard to witchcraft is very rife, and the people often murder suspected persons, particularly old women. A case of this kind occurred not long ago at Goojrat in the Punjab. The Home Government wishes to be more fully informed on this subject, and is desirous that all possible measures be taken to put down these barbarous practices. It will be easier to deal with the cruel punishments inflicted on the people in Native States than with the deep-rooted superstition regarding witchcraft and sorcery."

THE *Delhi Gazette*:—Among the literary announcements appearing in the latest London papers, we observe that the Messrs. Bentley have accepted and are about to publish Mr. L. T. Prichard's novel *How to manage it*. Our readers will remember the work having made its first appearance in these columns.

"In the list of men whose names are recorded as having passed the general public examination for the Bar, held at Lincoln's Inn on the 29th and 30th October and 1st November, we are glad to observe the name of Mr. L. T. Prichard. Success at that examination confers a certificate of qualification for the degree of Barrister-at-Law."

NEWS-LETTERS.

(From our own Correspondents.)

POONA, 21st DECEMBER.

THE weather is unaccountably hot, close, and lowering, the sky cloudy, and the digestion of the inhabitants conformable to these meteorological symptoms. Last evening at sunset I observed a continuous train of *cirrhous nebuli* (I think that is the correct description) at a great altitude and extending uninterruptedly east and west from horizon to horizon, I think for a distance of eighty miles, slightly curved in parts of its progress, or else I should have taken it for the tail of the comet which some one says we are passing through. There is not a breath of air stirring; and almost as little news.

The 10th don't mess—I mean the 10th Regiment of Native Infantry, quartered at this station. Reduced as they are to the small complement of officers now allotted to a native corps, they have found their mess an expensive encumbrance, as indeed it stands to reason it must be to half a dozen officers, and have accordingly abandoned it; and their deserted bungalow frowns through the gloom after nightfall unchecred by the gleam of oil lamps and rattle of billiard balls as of old. It was in this bungalow that Sir Bartle Frere held his first levee when he came to Poona, now nearly three years ago. The 7th heroically keep on theirs, but no one can say how long they may be able to do so in these days of reductions. I sincerely hope the officers of the 10th are able to get their dinner somewhere, and by some means or other; but how they can afford that indulgence out of their regimental pay is not easy to understand.

The Rev. C. Leigh Lye, the new Archdeacon, has arrived at Kirkee, but has not yet taken over charge from his predecessor, who leaves by the mail of the 29th.

Christmas is to be celebrated by a jollification among the soldiers at the Chapel at Ghorpoorie, of a total abstinence kind—the only public festivity I have heard of; private parties will of course be numerous as usual. The pensioners are grumbling because they do not get an allowance of four annas which they received in former years to keep Christmas on, I think with very good reason, for I cannot imagine why it has been withdrawn.

There is considerable discontent among the Poona College on account of the withdrawal of one of the professors, Mr. Oxenham, to Bombay—a sudden draining off of one of their fountains of learning which has disconcerted them not a little; and the annoyance is felt even more strongly by the remaining professors, who are obliged to work double time to supply his place. I am informed that overtures have been made to the editor of the *Poona Observer* to assume the vacant chair; the propriety of this arrangement will be immediately obvious.

We had an execution yesterday week at the Jail, which was witnessed by many people, though it did not excite quite so much interest as Muller's. The prisoner confessed to six murders at different times; the particular crime for which he suffered was killing a young man for his ornaments. His accomplices turned Queen's evidence against him, and he was convicted.

I hope to have more news to give next time.

CENTRAL PROVINCES, 20th DECEMBER.

If only all lines of road and railway could be made straight from terminus to terminus, as the crow flies, how happy would engineers be, how much less the amount of expenditure and of time lost. But roads, and in a greater degree railways, must slavishly follow the routes marked out by nature and the flow of trade. Like beings who exercise free will, path-ways must often wind by many a circuitous route to their end. When the course of trade marks out a certain line of country (as best for a road or railway, it seldom that nature is then free from those obstacles of wide rivers, broad lakes, or tall hills which engineers avoid when they can; and when nature is thus free, presenting a broad and level path, generally the course of traffic will be found to be hundreds of miles away. Hence Lord Dalhousie, wisely I think, preferred to make the East Indian Railway follow the northerly course of the Ganges to catch the traffic, instead of the more southerly line of table land scraped by a poor population, which would have saved hundreds of miles and millions of capital. It seems as absurd that to reach Bombay the Calcutta traveller should go north to Mirzapore, as that the Londoner who wishes to enjoy a holiday in Bath should have to go round by Derby. Yet trade as well as the wants of our North Western Provinces necessitates this. But since we must make roads through the hitherto neglected but fertile provinces of Chota Nagpore, and since Central India has now a great future before it, the question arises whether local works should not be carried out with a view to the imperial necessities of the future. Let us take up our position on the hill top at Umurkuntuk, 35,000 feet above the sea, a point in which the peninsula of Hindustan may be said to culminate, a place that may be called the heart of the country. Here the Mahanuddy, the Soane, the Nurbudda and Wyngunga take their rise, the first rolling away east to the Bay of Bengal, the second north to the Ganges, the third west towards Bombay, and the last south to the Godavery. Now if your readers will draw from Ranegeunge, the station for coaling on the E. I. Railway, straight to Jubbulpore, which is the terminus of that line to Bombay, the line would bisect the elevated plateau of Chota Nagpore, and run along the northern base of the Umurkuntuk hill. The whole distance is only 440 miles, or 150 miles shorter than by the present Great Trunk Road by Mirzapore, with its difficult crossings over the wide sandy mouths of such rivers as the Soane. This new route is fully 300 miles shorter than the railway line by Allahabad. The extension of the railway line beyond Ranegunge would lie in this direction; might it not therefore ultimately be carried on to Jubbulpore, and thus save the traveller between Bombay and Calcutta twenty hours? But it may be asked, is not this line of country jungly, hilly, and almost impassable? So the old maps have represented provinces which were unexplored ten years ago, but which for beauty, fertility, and healthiness will soon be recognised as in many respects superior to the Himalayas, which afford few level spaces. A single statement of facts, vouched for by officers of the Public Works and Survey departments on the spot, will show the character of the country. The truth is this, this line falls on broad plateaus richly cultivated, meets much fewer obstacles than the present East Indian Railway, and occupies the highest and healthiest water-shed line in Bengal. From the right bank of the Damooder opposite the Ranegunge station a water-shed line extends through Maubhoom for 120 miles to Chota Nagpore. A local road is necessary here to open out Pachete Maubhoom and Chota Nagpore, and a pretty good road is being made. From Chota Nagpore, 40 miles to Lohardugga, the water-shed line is still unbroken, and forms a plateau of some 2,000 feet above the sea covered with cultivation. So inviting is the line for a road that the bridging and earth work would not cost Rs. 15,000 a mile. Between the tributaries of the Soane and Mahanuddy the road would follow the water-shed line for 100 miles to Sirgoojah, a place which produces chiefly cotton, but whose stock lac and oil seeds are taken all the way to Mirzapore to find a market, though the place is only 300 miles from Calcutta. This fine country, hitherto neglected for want of roads, must yet tempt the tea and coffee planters. Around it lie Odeypore, Yushpore, and Raeghur, which export cotton, lac, sesame, and mustard seed. We pass on for 100 miles to Sohajpore in the Jubbulpore district, so accessible by country roads as to bring produce largely to Jubbulpore and Nagpore. Hence to Jubbulpore the district is well known for its richness in iron-ore.

It is considered by the best local engineers thus possible to unite the two railways in a line as nearly as possible as the crow flies by a road 440 miles in length which crosses no river of any magnitude except the Damooder at a point where a bridge will be easy, and which presents so few engineering difficulties that an outlay of Rs. 3,000 per mile would suffice for an imperial metalled road. But what of trade? I have shown that the country along the line is a virgin land and may be a paradise for planters and sheep farmers, who will unite with tea and coffee the growth or purchase of cotton, grain, and lac. These provinces, too, have now got good governments, some being under the Chief Commissioner of these provinces, and others under the zealous local Commissioners who are responsible to the Lieutenant Governor of Bengal. Roads of a kind are being made by the different local officers, and what I plead for at present is that they be put under a Major Hemphill's supervision with a view not only to the great future that is undoubtedly before the provinces, but to a future line of railway and direct communication that is possible now, and your city and Calcutta. Even our Asiatic brethren have now learnt that time is money in India.

Even my next letter Christmas will have come and gone. Christmas Day! What thoughts of home scenes and school boy associations does not the festival remind one of—the homeliest, if not the holiest, certainly the most welcome day of the whole year, a day that ever brings sunshine to the heart. But how different does Christmas in India appear to us to Christmas at Home. Here it is difficult to imagine the day has really come. The sun shines over us, as it used to do in summer days now far away. No sign of winter is any where visible, outside there is no howling wind, no snow on the ground. Who before the social hearth will converse with his neighbour of the "glorious skating" of the morning? If, for the look of the thing, many should—as doubtless many will—as I shall—have a yule log, is it likely we shall close round it, as we have done in the old country, and relate to one another the joys and sorrows of the byegone year, economising as we sit round it the precious moments of pleasure during the waning hours of the evening, while the outside world is forgotten in our song, Home? Who with any sensibility would not at such a season, in the words of the old song, desire—

> To dry the mourner's tear
> And to the pallid lip recall
> The smiles of happier years,
> That hearts that had been long estranged,
> And friends who had grown cold,
> Might meet again, like parted streams,
> And mingle as of old.

I hope then, Sir, you will believe me sincere in wishing you the compliments of the season, and a merry, merry Christmas, and may the new year be a fortunate one to the time-honoured old *Bombay Gazette*.

Of news I have literally nothing to mention: this year Christmas will pass over very quietly, unless indeed the races at Kamptee give its some excitement, and the bachelors get up a ball.

Mr. Temple who is out in the Saugor district is expected to return and spend Christmas at the Residency.

There is a giant here, a native upwards of eight feet high, who is exhibiting himself to crowded houses at two pice admittance each person. He is not a giant as regards his lower extremities, as his legs are like broom-sticks, and he stoops. Indeed I have seen more wonderful giants at fairs at home.

Our great *sadhoonuje* Rao Bunsee Lall Bahadoor has returned to Kamptee, after a long visit to his home in Rajpootana; he was a poor man before the mutinies, but he was a gomasta with General Whitelock's force, and returned a rich man.

FOREST RANGER.

BOMBAY.

THE Abridged Edition of the Bombay Calendar and Directory will be ready for publication to-morrow at noon.

THE High Court will be closed on its Appellate Side from the 24th instant to the 7th proximo, inclusive. The Registrar's Office will be open for emergent business each day, except Sunday, from 12 to 2 P. M.

WE perceive by an advertisement in to-day's paper that the Company for the purpose of carrying out the scheme of an International Exhibition in Bombay invite applications for shares from the public.

VAGRANCY.—Our Magistrates seem determined to put down the begging nuisance in the streets at present. Yesterday a dirty specimen of the howling fakeer was sent to the House of Correction for seven days to learn (probably for the first time in his life) the pleasures of labour.

BURGLARY.—A burglary was committed on Wednesday in the Marwaree Bazaar to the extent of Rs. 4,700, in gold and notes. An entrance was effected by cutting a hole in a wall separating the house from the next, when the robbery was committed. Two men are in custody on suspicion.

THE LOST NOTES.—The Parsee who was charged with having in his possession three currency notes of Rs. 1000 each, the property of Mr. Lund, was yesterday brought up, but a material witness from the Bank not being present, the case was adjourned. Dr. Dallas appeared for the defence.

THE LATEST ELOPEMENT.—Jeejeebhoy Durabjee, who was accused on Wednesday before H. D. Locke, Esq., of having bolted with another man's wife, had yesterday a warrant started after him. The husband stated that his wife had carried off with her not only his son but about the value of Rs. 1,500 in jewellery.

A WARRANT was issued by His Worship at the Mazagon Police Office, for the apprehension of one Bookaram, for obtaining money by false pretences, in having induced one Dossee, woman to give him Rs. 15, saying he was authorised by one Nandkisson Hurkisson, who was the protector of the dupe, to draw the same, which that person denied.

THERE was a very full attendance of visitors at the Band Stand yesterday evening, and the Band of His Excellency the Governor performed a well selected programme in first rate style. Mr. Williamson, the Band Master, has certainly done much towards improving his corps of musicians and is deserving of the thanks of the very numerous audience he caters for so successfully.

A BRUTAL HUSBAND.—Yesterday a young Parsee woman appeared before the second Magistrate and complained that her husband had severely beaten her, she showed her legs and arms which were covered with wales, evidently produced by a rattan applied by no weak hand, in some places the skin was actually abraised by the severity of the cuts. The name of this delectable husband is Nusserwanjee Rastonjee, His Worship of course granted a summons.

ITALIAN OPERA.—We understand that upwards of 300 tickets were disposed of up to yesterday for Signor Emilio Usiglio's benefit, and as it is evident that there will be a very large and fashionable audience on Saturday at the Theatre, it is to be hoped that the carriage arrangements for the setting down and taking up of the company will be somewhat better than hitherto. A number of complaints have been preferred on this head, and we therefore trust that precautions will be taken to obviate this for the future.

A NOTIFICATION has been issued from the Public Works Department, that under instructions from Her Majesty's Principal Secretary of State for India, the maximum concessions that will be made to Companies undertaking, with the approval of Government, new lines of Railway in India, are as follows:—£100 per mile for 20 years, and an additional £100 a year for the same period in respect of every £10,000 expended on large Bridges, or other works of an exceptionally costly description.

CHARLES CULVERHOUSE was summoned at the Mazagon Police Office yesterday, at the instance of Mr. Constable Wakefield, for keeping the Hamburg Tavern, of which he is licensee at Goundavie, open after 11 o'clock, in contravention to the rules of his license. Several witnesses for the defence swearing to the fact of the tavern being closed at the usual hour, and the proprietor stating to the same effect, and that the prosecutor brought this false charge against him out of malice and to do him injury, His Worship dismissed the charge saying there was no case made out.

REFUSAL TO SUPPORT A WIFE.—Dinshaw Cowasjee was brought up on summons for the above neglect. He had tied up his head and gammoned sick, and wished the case postponed on account of his having been unable to get his witnesses. Mr. Locke, before whom the case was brought said nay to that, the cashiad been hanging over from October and any amount of witnesses could been have collected in that time. He was ordered to support his wife. She said she was willing to go and live with him if he would come and live with his mother with whom she had been staying, but she would not go to her former dwelling, as there were two brothers of her husband's living there who had been in the habit of illusing her, and had been a continual source of annoyance. His Worship said he could make no order about the dwelling, unless she made a complaint of illusage when, he warned the defendant, he would impress the occasion deeply upon his mind.

THE LANCASHIRE BELL-RINGERS.—We announced yesterday the arrival of the Lancashire Bell-Ringers. It will be perceived by an advertisement in another column that these celebrated Campanalogrians have entered into an arrangement with M. Lionarons, a violinist of rare acquirements, to give a series of entertainments in Bombay. These renowned performers have made a most successful professional tour in Australia, Bengal, Ceylon, Madras and other parts of the Eastern world, and if they are only capable of doing one half of what the press in those parts have given them credit for, they cannot fail in attracting very large audiences in this city. Their entertainment unlike most other of a professional kind requires little or no preparation, they can perform any where at a short notice, which renders their services peculiarly adapted for private parties, and we have no doubt that they are open to any such private engagements in addition to their public performances.

H. M.'S *Coromandel*, Lieut. Carew, I. N., arrived in harbour yesterday afternoon from Kurrachee. She has been employed since the beginning of last month in the transport of troops between Kurrachee and Aden. On the 7th ultimo she left the former port with a detachment of companies of the 109th Regiment and arrived at Aden on the 13th, where she took on board two companies of the 95th Regiment leaving there on the 17th on her return to Kurrachee which port she reached on the 24th. The *Coromandel* then took on board two more companies of the 109th Regiment and left on her second trip on the 29th and arrived safe in Aden on the 5th instant, she then embarked two other companies of the 95th, the remaining portion of the right wing of that regiment, and sailed for Kurrachee again on the 9th which she reached on the night of the 17th. The *Coromandel* left Kurrachee for Bombay on the morning of the 20th instant, making the run along the coast in about 52 hours. She has during the time she has been engaged on these two voyages averaged about ten knots per hour. H. M.'S. *Dalhousie* was in Aden when the *Coromandel* left, and expected to sail on the following day.

THE Peninsular and Oriental Steam Navigation Company's [illegible] steam vessel *Lord Clyde* is 18 feet 3 inches, length of beam 24 feet 1 inch, and depth of hold 10 feet 4 inches, 3744 tons deducting space of engine room. She has two engines of 100 horse power (combined). The *Lord Clyde* is a double screw steamer and is, we believe, the first boat of this description that has visited this port. The double screw being unknown until the further "blockaders" became so profitable; though the invention it is thought gives a considerable increase to the propelling power over the old single screw, and it is also urged that vessel can be driven faster with a double than with a single screw. The moving power and the increased speed were of course important elements to a "blockade runner," and the principle is now being very generally adopted in steam vessels in England. The *Lord Clyde* on her trial trip averaged 14 miles an hour, with her machinery all new, therefore we may put this down as being about her average speed. We understand that it is the intention of the Company to run this fine boat on the Matabar Coast, and there intend we are informed despatching her on her first trip on Saturday next. Her machinery is reported to be in first rate order notwithstanding the distance she has come on her first voyage, which enables the Company to put her to work at once. The Company are now running steamers along the Coast to the north as far as Mandvee and to the south to Goa and Cochin.

THE weekly mortuary return still shows an increase in the number of deaths, being 483 against 474 of the previous week. Fever is still the epidemic, there having been 262 deaths during the week, in cholera cases there is an increase again of 25 during the same period. In other diseases, with the exception of those denominated alimentary, which have increased from 28 in the previous week to 47 in the past, there is nothing calling for remark.

EUROPEANS:		PARSEES:	
Cholera	2	Cholera	0
Small-pox	0	Small-pox	0
Fever	1	Fever	1
Other diseases	0	Other diseases	2
Accident	2	Accident	0
INDO-EUROPEANS:		JEWS:	
Cholera	0	Cholera	0
Fever	0	Fever	1
Other diseases	0	Other diseases	1
Accident	0	NATIVE-CHRISTIANS:	
HINDOOS:		Cholera	4
Cholera	79	Fever	6
Measles	1	Other diseases	2
Small-pox	2	NEGRO-AFRICANS:	
Fever	161	Cholera	0
Other diseases	65	Small-pox	0
Accident & violence	4	Fever	0
MUSSULMANS:		Other diseases	0
Cholera	18	UNKNOWN RACES:	
Small-pox	0	Cholera	0
Measles	0	Fever	0
Fever	92	Other diseases	0
Other diseases	16	Accident	0
Accident	0	Unknown Causes	2

SUMMARY OF CHIEF DISEASES.

	Deaths.	Mean.		Deaths.	Mean
Cholera	105	45	Sexual system and child bearing	2	2
Small-pox	2	8	Tegumentary system	2	2
Measles	1	1	Nervous system	16	13
Fever	262	157	Vascular system	1	1
Respiratory system	10	21	Alimentary system	47	33
Urinary system	0	0	Dropsy	2	2
			Accident	6	3
			Other and unknown	2	1

WHEN, on the departure from India of Mr. Knight, the Rev. Mr. Gell, a Chaplain on the Bombay establishment, assumed editorial charge of the *Times of India*, the Bombay Government referred the question as to whether the arrangement could be permitted to stand, to the Secretary of State for India. We learn from a private letter by the mail of the 18th, that Sir Charles Wood is "of opinion" that no officer of Government should edit a newspaper without the express sanction of his Government; and that the Bombay Government was competent to deal with the case in question either way, under the authority conveyed by the late Court of Director's despatch No. 25 of 11th May 1853.—*Delhi Gazette*.

THE POLICE.—We learn, with regret, that Lieut. Griffith has been ordered to resume his duties at the

Elections.

Meeers. Ali Jan, Esq.; Dr. William Niven; T. C. Hayllar, Esq.; Premchund Roychund, Esq.; F. H. Senter, Esq.; Captain Van Heythuysen; Captain A. Phillips; Lieut. W. T. Crockett.

The following gentlemen were proposed members for election at the next meeting of the Society :—

H. Cleveland Esq.; R. Coke, Esq., M.A.; C. Leggett, Esq., J. Macfarlane, Esq.; A. Taylor, Esq.; Captain J. A. Fuller, R.E.; Lieut.-Col. A. M. Murray, R.A.; Dinshaw Manockjee Petit, Esq.

His Excellency Rear Admiral G. St. Vincent King, C.B., was, on the motion of the Hon'ble the President, unanimously enrolled a member of the Society.

The Secretary then read the following paper contributed by Government :—

REPORT ON DHUR YAROO IN THE SHIKARPOOR COLLECTORATE. BY ASSISTANT SURGEON J. LALOR B.A.

The plateau of "Dhur Yaroo" is situated amid the great Halla range of mountains in 27° 30' North Latitude, 67° 17' East Longitude, and about seventy miles West of Larkhana in the Shikarpoor Collectorate. To the East of the hills and low outlying ridges there is a good made road, and at Hunnaul, on the Western Trunk road marked out by General Jacob, a bungalow, conveniently enough placed, to be used on the journey.

The country here is about seven hundred feet above the level of the sea, and the route from this to Tridak, or the point of convergence of three great spurs of hills, is for the greater part circuitous and difficult. First to Peer Godra (where there is always water), about eight miles across a rich plain of reddish brown loam eagerly cultivated in wet seasons; Second, over low hills of sandstone and conglomerate perhaps to Ongkar. The distance is nearly the same as last stage, and water only to be found after rain.

Thence to Tridak, about twelve miles, the road lies mainly through the beds of mountain torrents and over some low ridges, which may be said to constitute the first range and are composed chiefly of loose pebbles, red sandstone intermixed with pieces of grey nummulitic limestone. This portion of the journey is difficult, but the road is capable of some improvement, and is even now possible for horses and lightly laden camels. At the halting place there is always water in the hot season.

Pill-camels and ponies can go between Tridak and Dhur Yaroo—a distance of twelve miles. For three miles the ascent is steep to the top of Peberoo—a well defined range running nearly North and South, sloping Eastward towards the plains with a bold scarp Westward. Here the soil becomes light and the road doubtful if the hot winds ever reach so far : height about 1,000 ft.

From this there is again a sharp descent of one thousand or twelve hundred feet into the Kertch Valley, which is about seven miles across, and studded with heaps of loose shingle, or masses of low hills composed of yellowish grey clay capped with sandstone. These lead up to the foot of the third range, on the top of which is the table land of Dhur Yaroo.

This is called the Kerrodhur range, strikes North and South, dipping Eastward with a gradual incline West towards the plateau. The incline is however interrupted in one or two places by irregular spurs.

Thus Dhur Yaroo is situated on the top of the Kerrodhur, and again subtends the Keertdur or Kara Tridur—here the great natural Western boundary of Sind and Beloochistan. A glance at the accompanying sketch, copied from one of Captain Macdonald's of the Revenue Survey, will show the position at once.

BOUNDARY.—There is a considerable discrepancy between the Political and Geographical boundaries at this place. In the latter the Dhur Yaroo plateau is shared four or five miles at a point South called the Kutta-jo-Khubbur (Dog's Tomb), and an irregular spur, running Eastward and joining the regular range at Ved, adopted : thus making Dhur Yaroo in Khelat territory. The latter retains the Keertdur, which is accepted by all, as a frontier line, from the point Sonarda where the Hubb river takes a Westerly course up to the Kutta-jo-Kaubbur, a distance of about one hundred miles, and again from Ved point to Khyree Ghurree in the Jacobabad districts. This is undoubtedly the natural and scientific boundary : and the Western slip of the range, almost perpendicular, varying from 1,000 to 1,500 feet; while the incline East ends and the water shed are equally well defined and easily established.

DRAINAGE.—The ground on this slope at the back, or to the West of the plateau, is much cut up by watercourses, or ravines, as they are called, running down to one large and long ravine with a direction nearly N. E. and S. W. Here water is to be found in pools difficult of access in all ordinary seasons. A similar ravine runs through the table land itself and contains water at intervals. By these two, the drainage of the slope and plateau—an extent of perhaps fifteen square miles—reaches Eastward into Sind. 1st into a spring of fresh water at a point Northwards called Gwain-jo-pucho (Donkey's Spring) in the country of the Gaichas, a tribe quite alien even to Ghyles Khan Chandia. It then in part flows, or rather again sinks, about seven miles further East, and two, three and four lower down into a fine perennial river in which fish are found almost at the point where the water rushes out from the rocks. The edges of the stream are fringed with ferns and the banks covered with wild Oleander, Peepul, Tamarisk, and the Acacias. The course of the drainage is shown by the light blue line in the sketch.

CULTIVATION AND INHABITANTS.—There are probably upwards of one thousand acres of cultivable land at Dhur Yaroo. The soil is a yellowish red marl washed from the hills, in some places of considerable depth, and in favourable seasons will yield two crops.

The inhabitants are Chootia a Sindee tribe of Juts, whose Chief, Osmul Ali, lives near the Hubb river and about fifty miles from Kurrachee. How they came to settle here apart from their tribe is uncertain, but though they have given and to the Gaichas their supreme chief, the Mugsee and others, they have preserved the language and manners of Sind.

Cultivation is carried on by means of [illegible] as obtained by repeated experiments in the boring point of water is about six thousand feet. The hills bounding it on the East are fully three hundred feet above this level : one on the West (Kaerlung) seven hundred feet. Double-barrelled guns of the Eastern type with [illegible] range—is twelve hundred feet. This is the highest point in these mountains, and is visible during the cold season from most places in the Shikarpoor Collectorate.

It will be thus seen the Dhur Yaroo is well protected all round, and not so exposed to the high winds that occasion ill or elevated points in those hills so disagreeable and often unbearable.

The rances are composed of red sandstone intermixed, especially in the Peberoo range, with nummulitic and a smooth and friable white-grey limestone. Fossils fr a and a hundant kind are found in the latter.

A white flaky limestone, often considerably polished and apparently from water action, enters largely into the composition of the higher ridges, particularly the Keertdur. In this range beds are scarce. The under surfaces of all distintegrated slabs and loose pieces of rock are covered with a thin coating of brown hematite, which gives a curious reddish appearance to the pathways and slopes-banks.

GENERAL FEATURES.—After rain the mountains become covered with grass, and, during the whole hot season, afford pasturage to large and numerous flocks of goats and sheep. Some of the fat-tailed sheep of the hills. The mutton is excellent, and the tails weigh from five to seven pounds. This fat is highly esteemed and supersedes the use of ghee among the people, but so seldom endangers the life of the animal, as wolves will take the fall and spare the sheep.

The wild animals found are—the Wolf, Hyena, black Bear, and leer. Cheeta and Panthers are said to be seen on occasion. Ibex at the middle ranges Ibex may be met with, but they are very shy and afford only indifferent sport in the hot season at least; while in the lower hills—the real (wild sheep) are found in small herds in much more accessible places and easily to be got at during cool weather. Among the birds may be mentioned the Sonkawk and a very large species of Vulture with golden brown head and some of the characteristics of the Eagle. Ravens migrate from here to Sind during the early part of winter. A fine variety of grey Pigeon handsomely marked with a white bar across the back of the wings, appears peculiar to this place. All through the hills there is found a species of Partridge—large—with black spots on the breast and under the wings, and a call resembling the ordinary francolin and fowl.

There is also a curious variety of Quail, the male bird resembling the partridge, and only to be distinguished by its smaller size and by yellow instead of red legs and bill. The female is very different, of a darker brown colour, and with small silvery grey spots on the back. But few reptiles are met—a very unsightly, shiningly black Iguana, the small yellow Scorpion, and many kinds of snakes. The only venomous one killed or seen was the well known "Loondi" of Sind.

Among the plants peculiar to the hills, we find but few deserving notice, and the same may be said of the shrub, and trees. The *Celtis Serotina* (Rohree) is a fine tree, the expanding branches and dense foliage of which afford good shelter. It grows only in the deep ravine which runs through the plateau. Is said to be found in Beloochistan and in Kakeen, and is not to be met with elsewhere in these ranges.

The common Fig (*Ficus Carica*) grows wild and yields a small and eatable fruit. Acacias (*Arabica and Suregera*) "Babul and Kendi" grow abundantly in the Kertch Valley, but are very stunted and only fit for firewood. The white steamed or Cabul Acacia may be also seen higher up.

Salvadora Indica and Persica—the former to be found in the middle ranges, produces an edible berry (Peloo), about the size of a red currant, and not unpleasant to the taste. The wood is hard, resists the attack of white ants much prized. The latter (Khaoon) is only to be met with in the very lowest hills and near torrent beds. The berry is highly aromatic and disagreeable, and the outer part or bark of the roots raises blisters. It is supposed to be the mustard tree of Scripture. There is another undetermined species of *Salvadora* (Wanun) which grows in the very highest and most inaccessible places. The greenish red berry is acrid, and the leaves and red-leaf stalks contain globules of essential oil which yield a heavy aromatic smell on pressure. It gives out in burning a powerfully offensive and sickening odour, and should be carefully avoided as firewood. The wild almond, Badam-jo-fundah (*Terminalia Catappa*) never attains a serviceable size—fruit small and useless, the young stems make handsome walking sticks and resemble the Hazel wood. "Khow" (*Olea Cuspidata*) grows extensively among the hills. Its dark, coloured and finely grained heartwood is much esteemed for turning purposes. "Lohee" or ironwood (*Tecoma Undulata*) is the hardest wood known. This tree may be considered a fair mark of altitude and will be hardly ever found growing at any point below two, or above four thousand feet. It bears abundant and handsome orange flowers. A wild variety of "Pistic" (*Grewia Asiatica*) and the small "Lasoorie" (*Cordia Myxa*) afford eatable berries, as do likewise the *Capparis Aphylla* and *Galenia* (Kurreel and Kulvery). The former is to be met with below : the latter all over the mountains. A stunted and shrubby variety of the Indian Coral tree "Mundar" (*Erystrina Indica*) grows in the ravines.

The flower of the mountain "Kir" (*Perciploca Aphylla*) are eaten, but unlike the variety found in the plains of Sind, it is not used as a fibrous plant.

Of the herbs, there are few in use, though the species are numerous. Spear Mint—Catmint (Duthro) a variety of sweet Marjoram—and on the top of the Kutta-je-Khubbur, a kind of lavender. The Convolvulus of kinds—*Argyreum* &c. are all to be met.

But the great plant of the country is the "Peesh" (*Chamerops Ritchiana*) a kind of under-sized fan palm. Its uses constitute quite a feature of the nomadic life of the hill tribes. From the leaves are made mats for bedding, for the walls and roofs of houses, sandals' ropes, pipes, and drinking cups. The fruit and young stem are eaten, the former is fleshy and tasteless, but the latter is much esteemed and has something of the flavour of raw chestnuts. From the decayed parenchymatous tissue an excellent tinder is procured. Besides the above there are two other plants producing edible berries "Mukkoo" (*Solanum Decandentatum*) and "Punneer" and undetermined variety of Physalis. The fruit is known in Sind under the general name of "Peroo" ; there with the common yellow wood Scovee "Ambatee" (*Ozalis Cornicalata*) to be found in the ravines, are all that merit notice.

CLIMATE.—Having thus given a brief outline of the leading topographical and natural features, it will now be more readily seen how, and to what extent, they effect or modify the chief elements of climate.

SOLAR RADIATION.—All atmospheric heat as ordinarily understood is generated by solar radiation, and as the distance here from the tropics is only a few degrees, the rays of the sun are nearly vertical, and there being no vegetation calculated to arrest or shield in producing evaporation or clouds, they act generally through a perfectly clear atmosphere, with considerable power and a glare very overpowering. But the great height of the situation and the lightness and elasticity of the atmosphere, which diminish the capacity of the air for heat, is such that the slightest shade counteracts operative coolness. Some idea of the extent of diminution in the capacity of air for heat according to altitude, may be formed from the statement of *Saussure* that "Temperature decreases one degree in every hundred yards of ascent."

Again, the earth radiates heat, and as all the conditions—high position and a clear sky—are favourable, the action is powerful, and consequently the nights and early mornings are always thoroughly enjoyable. The greatest height known by the Thermometer in experiments on solar radiation was 148·9 ; while at Larkhana at the same time and under similar circumstances, namely, with the bulb wrapped in a dark coloured cloth and the instrument placed horizontally on the ground in an exposed position, 170° was shown. This is applied to the theory of the greater power of the sun's rays increases as we ascend," or it may be that the Thermometer is only a measure of the accumulated free heat.

MOISTURE.—The experiments on moisture showed very favourably in April and the early part of May. The mean depression of the wet bulb thermometer varies between 2° and 8°, but towards the end of May and in the month of June, it increased to 12° and 23°. In August there were some showers of rain, and the atmosphere was generally moist. Mean depression only a few degrees, and during the night a good fall of dew.

WINDS.—North West winds prevailed in the early part of the season. These were always cold, but often disagreeably high and raw. The Southerly breezes in the end of May and after were very pleasant at night, but died away generally from early morning to mid-day, leaving the atmosphere oppressive for out-door exercise.

RAIN.—Heavy rain and hail fell in April and May. It generally came from the North West and West : the showers never lasted more than half an hour : were ushered in by high cold winds, and always followed by cool and delightful weather. The latter raincame from the East and North East, and was more local : after the rising of the river, and spread of the water over the plains. It was always preceded by days of cloudy weather, during which the temperature was most enjoyable and out-door exercise might be taken without inconvenience.

About six inches of rain fell in all. Seven-eighths of this was in the early season. An interval of fifty-one days elapsed between the end of May and the 20th of July with not any, and then, but a shower of half an hour's duration. This distribution appears unusual.

As a rule the natives appeared brought in the early part of the year, and look forward to a healthy supply of water about July. The seasons vary accordingly, but the late rains are more general and preferable, as they both temper the heat, which is then at its height, and also enable the land to be prepared and the crops sown before the people leave the hills in September, or early in October.

HEAT.—The temperature will be most readily shown by contrasting in short comparative tabular statements, the "Means" of the monthly observations made with the Thermometer at the two stations of Dhur Yaroo and Larkhana and also the mean daily variations.

Register of the mean monthly ranges of the Thermometer at Dhur Yaroo for the latter half of April and the months of May, June, July, August and early days of September 1864.

Months.	Average.				Mean daily variation.
	6 A.M.	9 A.M.	Noon.	4 P.M.	
April	66°	68°	68°	67°	6°30'
May	67	70	77	66	12 25
June	71	79	80	80	12 29
July	75	79	81	81	9 35
August	68	77	81	77	10 23
September ...	65	77	77	74	13 44

Register of Thermometer for the same periods at Larkhana.

Months.	Average.				Mean daily variation.
	6 A.M.	9 A.M.	Noon.	4 P.M.	
April	75°	78°	85°	94°	19°00'
May	83	87	91	98	14 75
June	85	88	94	102	16 07
July	88	96	98	100	12
August	84	95	97	99	
September ...	83	84			

never excessive. In a [illegible] it would never be oppressive, and the variation would always be a minimum. As it is, it appears trifling compared with the other table. In September, the dews at night and consequent coolness in the early morning, make it more by 6° than at Larkhana. In June the heat from 8 A.M. until 2 P.M. was considerable, hence the 12° 29'.

The minimum Thermometer sometimes marked in April as low as 41° and 42°, but in the following months the nights were very equable in temperature at least at the different intervals on which I experienced them. Some were rather cold, and there were very few during which blankets could be conveniently dispensed with.

Having thus given the chief natural and climatic features of Dhur Yaroo and its immediate neighbourhood, I would, before concluding, venture a few remarks on its utility as a place of resort for Europeans in Sind during the hot season.

The command Sanatarium cannot with justice be used in connection with the place, as the exertion required to reach it involves a considerable amount of constitutional vigour, and the change would be too sudden and the atmosphere too light and stimulating for a sick or weekly person. Such a one would find it rare and comparatively cold in April and early May, be but not been in the necessary training. Again in June, July, and early August, the hot winds during the journey and first part of the ascent, would render the attempt eminently hazardous for a sick man.

In September it might be suitable, and probably in October, but as the inhabitants leave in the early part of this latter month at latest, it is to be inferred that it must be very cold, and the cold of a biting and disagreeable nature, as the people are hardy and enduring.

But putting aside the question of a Sanatarium, which can be had in the highest degree at Kurrachee, Dhur Yaroo ought to be with many officers in Upper Sind a place of great importance to which they can retire from the intense heat of the plains, and to continue carry on their official work, instead of imperilling their health, sometimes to a hopeless extent, and generally to a degree that obliges them to relinquish their charges much sooner than they desire or are prepared for.

The house or shed built by the Commissioner in Sind is very comfortable, and, considering the limited European population of Upper Sind, sufficiently large for the accomodation of visitors.

Water is generally scarce, but is, I think, to be had every season, and in sufficient quantity under all ordinary demands. The fine new tank or rather hall thrown across a wide and deep natural hollow, will, if it stands, amply provide for the wants of all, unless the season should be unduly unpropitious and rainless.

The tables show the register of the Thermometer as kept in the Commissioner's Camp at Dhur Yaroo inside the Bungalow. The Minima whenever given were taken outside, the Thermometer hanging on the wall. The 6 A. M. registration for July and August was generally made in the same way.

At Larkhana the register was kept at the Dispensary, a good building with a verandah. The instrument was exposed to any breeze that blew from S. or S. E., but protected from the hot winds.

At the conclusion of this Paper Dr. Pelly stated that the Salvadora Persica or Pelor tree is the one from which wood is chiefly, if not entirely, obtained, for making the lacquered boxes known as Hydrabad or Sind work. The Pelor tree is also a favourite food of camels. Water in the neighbourhood of the place described by Dr. Lalor is at first sight altogether wanting, but, as in the beds of nullahs in Catchee, and other places on the frontier of Sind, is almost always procurable by scratching a little to the depth of a very few feet in the lower levels of the numerous nullahs intersecting the whole of that part of the country. There are also here and there mineral springs, I believe met with."

The Hon'ble the President, Dr. Birdwood, and several of the members present having offered some observations on the subject of the Paper, the warmest thanks of the Society were unanimously voted to the Excellency the Governor in Council for this interesting communication, and to the donors for their valuable presents to the Library. The meeting then adjourned to Thursday the 19th January 1865.

LAW.

HIGH COURT.—APPELLATE SIDE.

Thursday, 15th December 1864.

(BEFORE THE HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE COUCH AND THE HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE WARDEN.)

Queen vs. Rudo and two others.

MURDER.—Rudo Sungapa and two others were arraigned before Mr. Sandwith, Session Judge of Sholapore, for having on or about the 2nd November last, at or near Ranchebee, Taloda Hipoorga, District Sholapore, murdered one Hallapa Mullapa. The following is the Session Judge's finding on the evidence :—

It appears from the deposition of Hunnee, the kept mistress of No. 2, that eight days before the death of Hallapa, Peeria had gone with Dumia to, as Hallapa, the said Raota be hanged by the neck until he is dead. The other two prisoners were similarly sentenced to be hanged.

CONFIRMATION OF THE HIGH COURT.—The Court declining to confirm the sentence of death passed upon the prisoners, sentences them severally to transportation for life.

CORRESPONDENCE.

THE POST OFFICE RIGHT BY JOVE.

To the Editor of the Bombay Gazette.

SIR,—I owe Mr. Garrett an apology. On calling over to the Post Office to-day I found, as stated, a box marked "Ceylon, Penang, Singapore, Hongkong, Shanghae, Australia and New Zealand," with the addition of "letter box for the receipt of letters, newspapers, &c." Now, Sir, what is the use of such a box? Is it for the assistance of my spectacles to read through the advertisements on the letter boxes ; and there being no lamp over the box for the Eastern Seas it must have escaped my investigation.

But all this matter is foreign to the object I had in view in bringing the attention of the Postal authorities. May I ask Mr. Garrett, why the simple inscription "China, Europe, or Kurrachee" is not preferable to the long rigmarole on the boxes? Why draw a line and add underneath its designation "line," or why tell us that a box is a box for receiving letters, of orthodox size, the destination for which letters dropped into the box are intended.

Let the clerks inside know all about the smaller ports, suffice it for the outsiders to know that packets for the Celestial Empire must be dropped into the "China" box.

PACQUET.

THE VERNACULARS.

To the Editor of the Bombay Gazette.

SIR,—" As a matter of fact, there are comparatively few Europeans, unconnected with the Government of India, who know more of the vernaculars than they find, with other studies, enough to get a moderate or unwilling work out of the servants or their lazarone says the *Englishman*. Whatever may be the able editor's opinion on the subject, I can assure him, so far as Bombay is concerned, that Europeans who understand the vernaculars very imperfectly are far more respected and feared by native than by those who, like those are up to the dodges and subterfuges of the Western population. They are easily robbed, and that in a manner so dexterous that the native honours his employer as being a thorough English gentleman above paying into minutiæ, whilst the English gentleman is too self-conscious of his own vigilance and sagacity would not only feel annoyed but would to a certainty doubt the honesty of any one who attempted to set him to right.

All things considered, therefore, it is better that Europeans who can afford it should allow themselves to be robbed, than that they should incur the risk of not being classed amongst thorough English gentlemen, and that they thereby allow poor natives to make hay while the sun shines.

COOMBEE.

BOMBAY IMPROVEMENTS.

To the Editor of the Bombay Gazette.

SIR,—After many random shots at the subject of the improvements which would be a source of commercial [illegible] gy is susceptible, I avail myself of the opportunity offered [illegible] the proposed scheme of buying up the Elphinstone [illegible] reclamation work to summarise the hints thrown out at different times in your columns. The work may be undertaken by capitalists collectively, so that the inner [illegible] of the harbour may once for all be converted into [illegible] and landing wharves.

[illegible] the day and the number of our community per- [illegible] not unnecessary to remark, by way of preface, that [illegible] feelings should give way to public interests, and in [illegible] fulfilment of a work of this sort our generation has [illegible] its power to leave to future ages a memento of the [illegible] present and public spirit which actuated this combined movement.

Instead of erecting mole, parallel to the shore by which land room only is gained, but no encroachments is made on the sea, it should consist of grinders from Mazagon to Colaba should be thrown out from the present shore into deep water so that vessels of ordinary tonnage could lay alongside to ship and land cargo.

The commencing shorter jetty towards the sea to allow of batteries being erected at the end of each, and for the facility to trade which the wider space would give nearer home. Their length would be greater at Mazagon where the sea is shallow than at Colaba where there is deep water near the shore ; thus the fire from the inner batteries would not be hindered by the outer batteries standing in their way, ships could be laid in their berths with the greatest ease, and the passage of vessels to and fro after vessels in cargo, the vessels moving up towards shore as they became lighter, and mooring on the opposite side to land, creeping to the outer end as their draught increases, steps, or of some of them, by the ordinary chances of retirement, but he is denied that advancement which under the Indian Army Company he had always been led to regard as a "right,"—whereas so many officers senior to your petitioner having retired to Europe, comparatively early, in the enjoyment of their pensions, render it almost impossible that your petitioner can obtain his promotion in even 20 years or more unless they be removed from the effective list.

11. That this obstruction was not contemplated by the Commission your petitioner believes he has already shown. He further respectfully submits that the remedy now offered by the Right Hon'ble the Secretary of State for India, in the 34th para of his Military Despatch, No. 194, of approving of all Lieut. Colonels the rule which before was only applicable to those promoted subsequent to the new system, is not in accordance with the views of the Commission, to wit, "as a security against such retardation the rule was adopted of giving the Lieut. Colonels allowances after 12 years to officers who might not have attained that position in the ordinary course at an earlier period."

12. Consequent on this, your petitioner comes under this rule, and humbly represents—first, that his position in the gradation list of Lieutenant Colonels at the time of the amalgamation was, from casualties during the mutiny such as to lead him to expect his promotion in the ordinary course in even less than 10 years. Secondly, that it has been clearly shown in Appendix K to the Royal Commission report that 10 years 2 months was the period at which Lieutenant Colonels in the Bengal Army usually attained the Colonels' allowances. The excess of one year and ten months now imposed, is therefore exceedingly severe upon officers of

G. G. O. 10th April 1861, para. 23, Act 23, 24, Vic. c. 100.

advanced age in a tropical climate, and is not "a scrupulous adherence to the pledge" given to the officers of the East India Company's Army, nor is it "a due regard to their rights and claims in any plan for the reorganization of the Indian Army."

13. In conclusion your petitioner would merely crave that the promise which the Right Hon'ble the Secretary of State for India has held out in the latter part of the 25th para of the above quoted Despatch, to all ranks junior to that of Lieutenant Colonel, may also be extended to himself and to those of his rank. 25th para : "The actual retardation will be to a very small extent, and in particular ranks. The general promotion of the Indian officers will be accelerated, and to every officer including the Cadet who entered the service so lately as December 1861." In promotion through every grade, with the pay thereunto belonging, as far as the whole native army had been kept up, is assured, and his right to Indian pension is maintained.

14. Your petitioner humbly begs your House to take the case of your petitioner into favourable consideration, and your petitioner will, as in duty bound, ever pray.

THE NEW MEDICAL WARRANT.

The following is the text of the new Medical Warrant, signed by Sir Charles Wood, and dated India Office, 7th November, 1864 :—

Para. 2. In a Despatch, No. 82, dated 12th March 1862, the late Governor General in Council recommended the formation of an Amalgamated Medical Service for the United Army of Great Britain and India, and expressed his concurrence generally in a scheme for carving out and carrying it into effect, in a minute written by Colonel Norman which accompanied that Despatch.

3. A very important feature in the working of that scheme was the unavoidable removal of Medical Officers from employment in India after a limited number of years' service in that country, whatever their employment might be.

4. I was apprehensive that this might be attended with serious inconvenience, but, after much and careful consideration of the subject, I resolved to submit the proposal, with some slight modifications, for the concurrence of the Secretary of State for War.

5. I forward the correspondence which has taken place upon that question, by which it will be perceived that Earl de Grey objects to the scheme mainly on the following grounds :—

1st. That the employment of British Medical Officers for limited periods in civil situations in India would put a stop to the continuous military training secured under the present system of the Army Medical Department, and considered by him to be essential to the efficiency of the service ; that Officers so employed might acquire habits of independence inconsistent with a due performance of regimental duties, and would have to return to a regiment at an age when men in general do not easily bend themselves to the practice of subordination required from a regimental Officer of inferior rank.

2nd. His time, it is stated, would have been spent in treating diseases different to a great extent from those of soldiers, and he would have acquired no experience, and have had no occasion to practice that most important part of his duty as an Army Medical Officer, the prevention of disease. He would, in short, not be the Officer whom the existing organization of the Medical Department of the British Army contemplated, and whom it is the object of the costly and elaborate system recently established to provide for the Army.

3rd. Earl de Grey further objects, that "regimental duties with Native troops are at present of a very different nature from those required in British regiments, and would not, as a Medical Officer, enable him to gain the experience which the new organization has rendered essential," and, lastly, His Lordship observes, that if the amalgamation were once carried out on those principles, it would be extremely difficult, if not impossible, to abandon them hereafter, whatever might be the result.

6. In my reply, I explained to Earl de Grey and Ripon my reasons for not being able to concur in the objections raised by the former, but as I felt satisfied that those objections had not been fully entertained, I felt that it would be useless to press a reconsideration of the subject.

7. It was further obvious from the correspondence, that any plan having the effect of withdrawing them from their regular duty of the Officers of the Army Medical Department, would be liable to objection on similar grounds, and Her Majesty's Government directed their attention therefore to the possibility of providing for the future demands of the Government of India by the formation of Medical Staff Corps for each Presidency.

8. In order to obtain for the medical Service in India the advantages of having its Officers drawn from the same source, and having passed the same examination as those of the British Army, and with a view of placing them on a footing of perfect equality, by obliterating as much as possible all distinction between the bodies of Officers so employed and those of the British Army, it was proposed to form the several Staff Corps by means of Medical Officers of Her Majesty's service volunteering to join them.

9. With this view, however, it became necessary to obtain the sanction of Parliament to a measure proposed with this object in the 16 & 17 Vict. Cap. 95, Sect. 37, which empowers Her Majesty to grant Commissions in the Army to be provided for employment under the Government of India.

10. Her Majesty's Government having failed to obtain the consent of Parliament to a measure proposed with this object, have been compelled to abandon the scheme of a Medical Staff Corps, as proposed, and to revert again to the system of an entirely separate service, as heretofore.

11. The changes which have been recently made in the Medical establishments of the Military force in India, the transfer of the whole of the European troops to the British Army, and the reduction of the Native force, render necessary a corresponding reduction in the establishment of the Medical Officers required in the local Governments, as well as some change in the nature of their employments.

12. One of the objects aimed at in the contemplated union of the British and Indian Medical Service was the advantage which would result to the administrative Staff in India. This advantage would have been unattainable on the formation of Medical Staff Corps, and is equally so in the continuance of a separate service as now proposed.

13. In a Despatch, No. 152, dated 15th December 1859, I conveyed to your Excellency in Council the sanction of Her Majesty's Government to the following modifications in the Regulations for the Medical Service in India, which had been submitted for approval in my Despatch, No. 152, of 16th May 1864, when such pay is in excess of the consolidated salaries above mentioned.

29. Officers who may hereafter be appointed to the Indian Medical Service will receive pay when unemployed in India according to the following scale :—

Rank.	Years' Service.	Unemployed Pay.		
		Rs.	As.	P.
Surgeon-Major.....	25	888	12	0
Ditto	20	822	8	7
Surgeon	15	477	6	11
Ditto	12	640	14	6
Assistant Surgeon	10	410	9	5
Ditto	6	352	5	2
Ditto	5	304	14	2
Ditto	under 5	286	10	6

30. The salaries of other Medical appointments in the Civil and Military Departments will be revised with reference to the above, and fixed on a consolidated sum, and I consider that a return may be made to me upon this subject, with a view to the [illegible] time [illegible] the aggregate sums at present received in each case will continue to be drawn.

31. With a view of promoting the efficiency of the service, it has been further determined that no person [illegible] office by Deputy Inspector General of the Indian Service shall, as in the case [illegible] Inspector General, be limited to any years ; [illegible] however, if not disqualified by age, eligible either [illegible] for a second tour of duty, to take charge [illegible] in the higher grade of Inspector-General by promotion thereto.

32. You will follow, in the case of Officers now holding the office of Deputy Inspector-General, the same course which your Government adopted in 1861, in regard to Colonels and Majors holding certain Staff appointments, and permit all such to hold their offices for two years longer, irrespective of the periods they may severally have served in them. Should any Officers have served up to the present time for more than five years, he will be allowed to complete a full period of seven years.

33. The rank of Inspector-General and Deputy Inspector-General conferred upon Officers of the Indian Army by Commission dated 1st January 1860, to be considered as substantive rank.

These Officers, on vacating office at the expiration of the five years' tour of duty, will be permitted in future to draw respectively an unemployed salary of Rs. 1,200 per mensem in the former, and Rs. 900 in the latter case, for a period of six months from the date of their vacating office, after which they will be placed on the [illegible] rate of pay laid down in my Despatch of the 16th May 1864, for Officers of corresponding rank in Europe. These sums, deducted from the consolidated salary, will regulate the moiety of Staff salary to be drawn by Officers of those grades during absence on sick certificate. The discretion reported in the 3d paragraph of your letter, No. 82 of 1861, will cease to operate from the date of publication of the present Despatch.

34. With a view to improving the position and prospects of Officers of the Indian Medical Service, it has been resolved to introduce prospectively the following revised pension rules.

35. Officers of the Indian Medical Service will be allowed to retire on the following scale of pension, on completion of the required periods of service :—

	£
After 30 years' service in India, ...	550
,, 27 ,, ,, ...	450
,, 24 ,, ,, ...	365
,, 21 ,, ,, ...	292
,, 17 ,, ,, ...	220

36. An Inspector-General, after five years' active employment in India in that grade, will be entitled to retire upon a pension of 350l. per annum, in addition to that to which he may be entitled under the above scale.

37. A Deputy Inspector-General will, after five years' active employment in India in that grade, be entitled to retire upon a pension of 250l. per annum, in addition to the pension to which he may be entitled under the above scale.

38. In each of the above cases, six months' absence on Medical certificate will be allowed to count towards actual service in those grades.

39. Officers now in the Indian Medical Service will, on retirement, have the option of pension according to the above rules or according to those now in force.

40. My attention has been directed on this occasion to the rule regulating the qualification of an Assistant Surgeon for promotion to the rank of Surgeon required under Clause III. of the Royal Warrant, dated 15th January 1860. There can be no doubt that this rule, which has been again brought to notice by a recent Despatch from your Government, requiring a service of two years in or with a regiment, bears very hardly on many Officers, the nature of who e employment precludes their showing the required qualification, and who, on entering the service, had no reason to suppose that such a regulation, would be adopted.

41. These considerations have induced me to consent to exempt from the operation of the clause of the Royal Warrant all the Assistant Surgeons who entered the service prior to its date. It is to be understood, however, that the rule is to be strictly enforced in the case of all Medical Officers who entered the service after January 1860.

42. In my Despatch, No. 152, of 16th May 1864, para 7, I informed you that Her Majesty's Government had determined to modify the instructions given in my Despatches of the 31st October 1860 and 30th September 1861, and to permit the period of service qualifying Surgeons for the rank of Surgeon Major, under that Warrant, to be calculated from date of first commission, including all leave of absence of whatever kind.

43. I have now to inform you that the same principle is to be observed with respect to the grant of honorary rank on retirement, under the Clause 14 of the Royal Warrant, and that the 25 years' service qualifying for a step of honorary rank, the requirements of the clause in other respects being fulfilled, shall be inclusive of all leave of absence.

44. I have further to inform you, that it has been determined, as in the case of combatant Officers of the Indian Army to confer upon the Medical Officers of that service Royal Commissions in substitution for those which they now hold conferring rank in Her Majesty's Service in any part of the world. The Medical Officers of Her Majesty's Indian Service will not, however, be required to serve out of India, except with their own consent.

45. I have, lastly, to inform your Excellency that Assistant Surgeons appointed to Her Majesty's Indian Service in future will not be allowed to count towards subscriber's to any Military or Medical Funds, and that Her Majesty's Government have determined to guarantee to present incumbents on and subscribers to the several Medical Funds, the same annuities and pensions to which they are, or to which they, their widows and children may become entitled from those Funds, according to the regulations now in force, and at the present rates of subscription. But this guarantee must be regarded as conditional on the absolute transfer of the assets of the Fund to the Government, and must not be construed as conveying to any Fund, or to any member of it, benefits which are not actually provided for in the regulations as at present in force.

46. The widows and children of Medical Officers hereafter appointed to Her Majesty's Indian Service will be granted pensions and allowances which may be found to be entitled under the provisions of the Royal Warrant of June 15th, 1865.

47. The above measures which obviously tend greatly to the efficiency and prospects of the Medical Service in India, cannot be carried out, as your Government will at once perceive, without a heavy expense to the State. It is hoped, however, that the result will be found to be a more efficient Medical Staff, and contentment among the Officers now in the service and to secure for the future a certain supply of Medical Officers of good social position, liberal education, and professional ability for Her Majesty's service in India. I have the honour to be, Sir, your most obedient, humble Servant,

CHARLES WOOD.

—Friend of India.

THE EMPLOYMENT OF SOLDIERS ON RAILWAYS.

(From the Friend of India.)

The rapid extension of railway enterprise in this country has produced a scarcity of labour, and railway companies are consequently very glad to obtain servants from the ranks of the soldiery. On this subject we have an important minute before us, by General Sir William Mansfield, the Commander-in-Chief of the Queen's forces in India, which we think ought to be carefully considered by railway companies. Their names should be kept on the regimental rolls and on the unattached lists, and the men should be subject to the same rules as others similary detached for service in the Ordnance, Commissariat, and other departments of government. "We know," he says, "from long experience that the conduct of men so detached is generally excellent, the fear of remand to the strict life and scanty pay of the private soldier from the superior position and emolaments of staff situations, being found with the vast majority to be an effectual guarantee in the meantime it affords no prudence and self-restraint." So far there can of course be no doubt that Sir W. Mansfield is right. But whether this *quasi* independent employment would not eventually be productive of great inconvenience to the service is not so clear. I might not be so easy to preserve proper military discipline—and the selection of men for the coveted posts might give rise to much ill feeling and suspicion in the ranks. The employment of soldiers in the police in Bombay is scarcely a case in point, because they are still kept under restraint, and do not lose their respect for military authority. As Sir W. Mansfield himself says, "They are remandable to their regiments for misconduct, and are carefully looked after under the orders of the Police Commissioner." Probably something of the same plan might be tried on railways, but there is no denying the fact that the men would have a much wider range before them—they would be left more to themselves, the supervision would be incomparably less efficient, and the opportunities for escaping detection would be much greater. If these difficulties can be satisfactorily arranged, Sir W. Mansfield's plan ought to be adopted. In the meanwhile, it cannot be too carefully discussed.

MILITARY.

ARRIVALS.—DECEMBER 22.

Lamb, 1st Class Veterinary Surgeon W., Royal Horse Artillery, on leave, from Madras.

Butler, Lieutenant F. W., Madras Cavalry, on sick certificate, from Secunderabad.

DEPARTURES.—DECEMBER 22.

Hogg, Lieutenant A. G. F., Staff Corps, on duty, to She

...MMERCIAL.

...E MONEY MARKET.

...y of Bombay yesterday raised its ... of interest 1 per cent. all round. Land ... the morning were very firm at ... actions of the previous day: but in the ... they all declined, and closed weak ...going. A good many Frere Land shares ...d towards evening at Rs. 6,000 pm. ... have fallen to Rs 8,500 pm. and ...s and Back Bays are Rs. 1,900 per ...ver. There is some upward movement ...Bank shares, more particularly in those ...Bank of Bombay and Bank of India. ...financials generally there is less enquiry.

...AY DAILY BILL, SHARE, AND STOCK LIST.

EXCHANGE.

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SHARES

...	Amount of Shares.	Paid up.	Dividend.	Names.	Rates.
...	Rs.	Rs.	per ct.	BANKS.	
...	...	250	16	Agra Bank ...	...120 p. ct. pm.
...	...	250	125	Alliance Bank ...	...58 p. ct. pm.
...	...	500	20	Asiatic Banking Corpn.	...Par.
...	...	8,000	30	Bank of Bengal ...	...16,000 p.S.A.
...	...	250	17	Bank of India ...	...Par with a. m.
...	...	1,000	80	Bombay Bank ...	...250 p. ct. p.S.A.
...	...	250	100	Bombay City Bank	...2½ p. ct. pm.
...	...	250	100	Bombay Presidency Bank	...2 p. ct. pm.
...	...	250	200	Bombay Trading & Banking Association (Limited)	...15 p. ct. Par.
...	...	100	100	Bowkett's Banking Company ...	...16 p. ct. pm.
...	...	250	240 6	Central Bank ...	...90 p. ct. pm.
...	...	1,000	1,000 15	Chartered Bank of India, Australia & China ...	...Par. A. S.
...	...	...	...	Commercial Bank ...	...120 p. ct.
...	...	250	30	Comptoir Mercantile Bank of India, London and China ...	...120 p. ct. pm.
...	...	...	...	Comptoir d'Escompte de Paris ...	...150 ct. dis.
...	1,000	1,000	100	Commercial Bank ...	...Annul.
...	...	500	72	Comptoir d'Escompte de Paris ...	...Annul.
...	...	...	...	Delhi Bank ...	...100 p. ct. pm.
...	...	250	...	Hindu Bank Corporation ...	...Par.
...	...	250	...	East Indian Bank ...	...24 p. ct. pm.
...	...	250	...	Eastern Banking and Exchange Bank ...	...Par.
...	...	250	10	Hindustan, China and Japan Bank ...	...5 p. ct. pm.
...	...	...	...	Imperial Banking and Trading Company ...	...Annul.
...	...	250	...	Indian Commercial Joint-Stock Banking Company ...	...28 p. ct. pm.
...	...	...	...	Indian Peninsular Bank ...	...100 p. ct. pm.
...	...	250	...	Mofussil Bank ...	...Par.
...	...	250	...	Oriental Bank Corporation ...	...Par.
...	...	250	...	Royal Bank of India, London, China and Australia ...	...Par.
...	...	250	...	Union Bank of London ...	...Par.
...	...	100	...	Universal Bank ...	...Par.
...	...	250	...	Western India Bank ...	...Par.
...	...	...	...	Western India Ship Co. ...	...Par.
...	...	...	...	MISCELLANEOUS. Bombay Contract and Building Company ...	...20 pm.
...	...	...	...	Bombay Gas Company ...	...Annul.
...	...	...	...	Bombay Steam Navigation Co. ...	...8 p. ct. pm.
...	...	...	...	Byculla Warehouse ...	...300 pm.
...	...	...	...	Fraser & Co. (Limited) ...	...Par.
...	...	...	...	Goa Coffee Co. ...	...Annul.
...	...	...	...	Mazagon Dock Company ...	...8 p. ct. pm.
...	...	...	...	Scot India Cotton Agency ...	...Par.
...	...	...	...	Shamrock Farming Co.	...Par.
...	...	...	...	United Mercantile Trading Co. Ltd. ...	...1 dis.
...	...	...	...	Bombay Oil Mills Co. (Limited) ...	...
...	...	...	...	Victoria Patent Brick Co. (Limited) ...	...

SOMNATH NARNARAYEN,
Exchange, Stock, and Share Broker, Fort

GOVERNMENT SECURITIES.

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Bombay Bank ...	...	...
Do. ...	...	...
Loan 1862-63 ...	...	... 994
Loan 1864 ...	...	... 994
Loan 1854-55 ...	...	... 102½
Three Per Cent. Loan ...	...	... 110½
Five-and-a-Half Per Cent. Loan ...	...	...

PRICES. BULLION, &c.

...	...	...
Sovereigns, per 10 tolas ...	...	Rs. 10-2-5
Bank of England Notes ...	...	10-6
Dollars ...	...	2-10
Crowns ...	...	2-9
Spanish Doubloons ...	...	2-5
Ounces ...	...	2-14
Quicksilver ...	...	10-8
Lead ...	...	10-7-10

PRICE CURRENT, 17th December 1864.

COTTON at Colaba

...	...
Broach, (new) ...	...Per candy 360 to 405
Dhollerah ...	...460 to 465
Dhamorah and Mooro ...	...430 to 435
Scinde ...	...435 to 438
Surat ...	...438 to 445
Oomrawtee, Ankot ...	...483 to 485
Fuggypore ...	...440 to 445
Nandode ...	...440 to 445
Timlee ...	...440 to 445
Hingunghaut ...	...440 to 445
Comptah ...	...440 to 445
Nagpore ...	...440 to 445
Oomrawtee, Nagpore ...	...440 to 445
Dhollera ...	...440 to 445
Dharwar (New) ...	...500 to 505
Comptah ...	...500 to 505
Broach (Salted-New) ...	...350 to 355
Dhollerah (Salted-New) ...	...340 to 345
Oomrawtee, Ankot (Salted-New) ...	...340 to 345
Broach (Salted-New delivery) ...	...345 to 350
Dhollerah (Salted-New) ...	...335 to 340
Oomrawtee, Ankot (Salted-New) ...	...335 to 340